





## Jailed Hindu priest freed

NEW DELHI, May 9. (Reuters) A senior Hindu priest arrested while on his way to lay the foundation stone of a temple at a north Indian religious site claimed by both Hindus and Muslims was released today, local news agencies reported.

The Shankaracharya of Dwarka Peeth and several followers were arrested on May 1 on their way to the city of Ayodhya to lay the stone at the disputed 16th-century shrine.

## Storms leave 11 dead in India

MADRAS, India, May 9. (AP) A cyclone, with winds of up to 250 kilometres (155 miles) per hour, ripped into the coast of southern India this evening, killing at least 11 people as it knocked down houses, walls and electrical wires.

The centres of the storm passed onto the Indian mainland from the Bay of Bengal at 6:30 pm (1300 GMT). 260 kilometres (160 miles) north of Madras, the United News of India reported. High winds and towering waves uprooted trees and knocked down hundreds of thatched huts, the report said.

So far, the bulk of the damage has been concentrated on a small peninsula of land along the low-lying and heavily populated coast of the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Six people were killed when a wall collapsed in east Godavari district, located on the peninsula. Three other people were electrocuted by wires knocked down by the wind. Another person died when a building collapsed, and a 60-year-old labourer died from exposure, the report said.

The deaths brought to 14 the number of people killed in the storm. Three people died in Madras yesterday from electrical shocks.

An Indian cargo ship, carrying 60 passengers, was trapped in the storm, Indian news media reported. But the reports said the ship, Visva Mohini, was not in any immediate danger.

The government announced a new alert today and ordered fishermen and sailors not to go into the sea as the storm moved onto land.

More than 150,000 people have been evacuated from the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu state, said Arjuna Rao, a top relief official in Andhra Pradesh's state capital, Hyderabad.

"God forbid, but if it hits with its present intensity, it will be a terrible situation down here," Rao said.

He was reached by telephone from Madras, capital of Tamil Nadu state which adjoins Andhra Pradesh.

The Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu governments announced a new alert today and ordered army and navy helicopters and boats to be used for rescue operations.

State-run television and radio regularly broadcast "alert number 10," the maximum storm warning.

In Madras, electrical wires knocked down by rains and winds preceding the cyclone killed three people yesterday.

Waves, 6 metres (20 feet) above normal, crashed against parts of the coast last night as the cyclone approached.



A group of Muslim protesters shout anti-Pakistani slogans during a demonstration outside the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi yesterday. More than 50 people protested to highlight its view that Pakistan is supporting a Muslim uprising in the Indian ruled Kashmir. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Airbus crash probe

### Survivor testifies

NEW DELHI, May 9. (UPI) A hostess who survived the crash of an Airbus A-320 passenger jet told a court today that the captain never complained about the quality of the aircraft, but said it required constant concentration to fly. The Press Trust of India said.

Sadhana Pawar was testifying in the southern city of Bangalore before a court of inquiry investigating the Feb 14 crash of the Indian Airlines A-320 outside the city in which 92 people died and 54 others were injured.

The captain, Satish Gopujkar, and his co-pilot, Cyril Fernandes, were among those killed in the disaster.

Pawar told the court that she had never heard Gopujkar make any adverse comments on the

quality of the advance passenger plane, built by France-based Airbus Industrie, the Press Trust reported.

However, the commander often said the planes required his complete, undivided concentration right from takeoff to landings, Pawar told the court headed by high court justice Shivshankar Bhat.

Pawar relived for the court the crash, which occurred as the plane was approaching the runway at Bangalore airport, describing the two terrifying skips across the ground it made before coming to rest.

She told the court that two explosions occurred after the aircraft stopped just short of the runway and she heard one passenger screaming that the plane was likely to explode.

In another development, a consumer protection group, petitioned the court to summon the chief pilot of France-based Aero-form, the company that trained Gopujkar and his co-pilot.

The group also sought access to all of the records of the pilot training course, claiming the inspection was necessary to determine the cause of the crash.

## Frostbitten crossings

### Kashmiris pay price

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan, May 9. (Reuters) Sajjad holds up his left hand to show the stumps that remain of his fingers — the price he has paid for fleeing Indian-ruled Kashmir.

He was so badly frostbitten crossing the Himalayas that all his fingers on one hand had to be amputated, along with the thumb and one finger on the other. His feet are badly damaged.

Like thousands of young Kashmiri men and some women, he was ill-equipped when he fled across the snow-covered mountains to Pakistan's Azad (Free) Kashmir to escape a tough Indian security crackdown at home.

Some come to Azad Kashmir in search of shelter. Others seek arms and training from militant groups fighting to drive India out of the two-thirds of the Kashmir region it rules.

Many like Sajjad suffer frostbite crossing the high passes of the Pir Panjal range. Some have died of the cold or been caught by Indian army patrols along the ceasefire line that divides Kashmir.

Even though he is unlikely to take part again in the Muslim uprising against Indian rule in his homeland, 25-year-old Sajjad refuses to be photographed without a mask.

He and four other frostbite victims in a Muzaffarabad hospital ward said they had no regrets about leaving their homeland where more than 300 people have died this year.

"I am not sorry because in Kashmir it is very dangerous," Hilal Ahmad Khan said. "I am going back to Indian Kashmir. I can still fight against India. I want freedom."

First he will have to learn to walk on a badly damaged foot and without a big toe.

The 24-year-old graduate made the journey in February after being arrested three times for throwing stones at Indian forces in Srinagar, summer capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state.

"I trekked for seven days without food and water, but I am a lucky man. I came here alive," he said.

Of the 40 to 50 people in his group, five people died and 15 suffered frostbite.

"To start with they used to bring the bodies. Now they leave them where they fall," said Dr Raees Anwar.

He has treated many people for frostbite or fractures from falling on the treacherous routes they take through the high mountains to avoid Indian patrols.

"We have received at least 100 people with frostbite. Among these at least 30 cases have had amputation of one foot or both feet," he said.

The young men mostly come from the big towns of the Kashmir valley. They have little knowledge of the mountains and inadequate clothing and boots to withstand winter weather at up to 4,300 metres (14,000 feet).

The worst cases arrive in a very bad state, with gangrene in frostbitten hand and feet. They are likely to stay in hospital for at least three months, recovering from amputations and skin grafts.

Learning to cope with disability can take much longer, Anwar said. "If somebody has to learn to walk without toes it is a very lengthy process," he said.

With winter snows beginning to melt in the mountains the number of frostbite cases are beginning to drop, but officials fear many more Kashmiris will die in the peaks.

India says it has killed dozens of people in the past four months as they tried to infiltrate back into the Kashmir valley.

Delhi has warned Pakistan to stem the flow if it wanted its denial of involvement with the insurgency believed.

Officials in Muzaffarabad are trying to tempt young Kashmiris into camps where they can be controlled but are finding it difficult.

Most of the more than 4,000 young men in Muzaffarabad are living in houses and camps provided by the militant Kashmiri groups and religious parties.

A few are getting basic arms training in Azad Kashmir from groups like the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, while others are sent to Afghanistan to be taught guerrilla warfare by the Afghan mujahedeen.

"We all want to go back and fight for freedom," said 17-year-old Ish-tiaq, who says he was left for dead in the mountains by Indian soldiers.

"I fell into a ravine," he said. "I was semi-conscious and I saw two Indian soldiers. They threw me from the mountain and they thought I was dead but luckily I survived."

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# Amte, Birch receive Templeton prize for religion

**Amte, 75**, from Anandwan near Nagpur in central India, founded hospitals and centres for lepers, for blind children, the deaf and other handicapped of all India's religions.

The Templeton prize money is reviewed every year to keep it ahead of the Nobel prize, worth 200,000 pounds (\$334,000), said the Rev. Wilbert Forker, Templeton's press spokesman.

Vikas Amte said his father was not religious, but he believed in God and saw God in human beings.

Birch, who has retired from the University of Sydney, said he will use his prize partly to fund an annual lecture there on human aspects of science and technology and for a Christian social ethics project in Geneva, Switzerland.

# Tehran: most costly city

The survey described the Middle East and Africa as a world of extremes.

dismantled US embassy office building, Hope drew some of his biggest applause with jokes about extensive Soviet electronic surveillance at the site — a sore subject because of the millions of dollars it will cost to tear down and build a new embassy building. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Cannes fest today

## Films from East, West and even Africa

The festival will open with an out-of-competition showing of "Dreams," an autobiographical movie by the 80-year-old Japanese film master Akira Kurosawa. It closes with another out-of-competition

Beyond the main competition, the festival also offers an international selection of films chosen for varying personal viewpoints grouped under a category called "Un Certain Regard."

## Art world bids goodbye to 5-year boom

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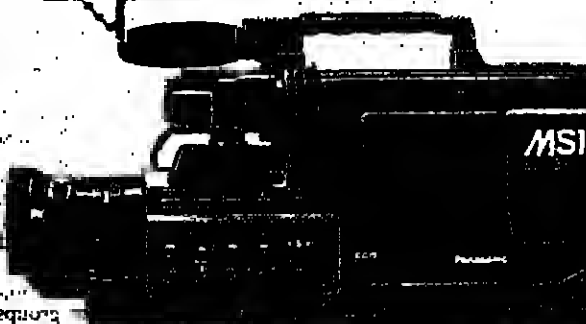
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## North's diaries raise queries

WASHINGTON, May 9, (AP): Oliver North met with then-Vice President George Bush a few hours after lying to a congressional committee about assisting the Nicaraguan Contras, an entry in the former White House aide's official diaries suggests.

Portions of the diaries, released yesterday, renew questions about whether Bush was more deeply involved in assisting the Contras than he has acknowledged.

The 1,400 pages of notebook entries were obtained by a private group, the National Security Archive, as the result of a lawsuit filed against the government. US intelligence agencies still are reviewing the remaining 1,200 pages of North's diaries.

White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater said, "the vice president's role in the Iran-Contra affair was completely examined in the congressional inquiry and we have nothing to add."

### Disclosures

Among the disclosures in the newly released material: — On Dec. 20, 1985, North laid out a "3rd country solicitation plan" in support of the Contras that included trips by Bush to Honduras for an inauguration there. The plan also called for then President Ronald Reagan to meet with Ecuador's president.

Bush went to Honduras in January 1986 for the inauguration of President Jose Azcona Hoyo and Reagan met in Washington that month with Ecuadoran President Leon Febres Cordero.

There was an elaborate plan in the Reagan administration to induce third countries to support the Contras, according to evidence introduced at North's trial last year. Bush has denied being involved in any "quid pro quo" arrangements providing additional economic and military aid to Honduras in exchange for allowing the Contras to use base camps there.

### Lied

— North's notes refer to a noon "meeting w V.P." on Aug. 6, 1986. That would have been just 3 1/2 hours after North lied to the house intelligence committee by denying he was supplying military aid to the Contras.

North admitted he had lied when he took the witness stand at his own trial last year and when he testified in the recent trial of former National Security Adviser John Poindexter.

Shortly before meeting with Bush, according to North's diaries, the White House aide had a "meeting w Don Gregg," Bush's top national security aide.

Gregg, now the US ambassador to South Korea, has said he found out about North's involvement with the then-secret Contra resupply network on Aug. 8, 1986. Gregg asserts he didn't tell Bush about North's involvement until four months later, after the Iran-Contra affair became public.

Congressman Lee Hamilton said he didn't believe Congress had seen the page referring to meeting with Bush and Gregg.

"It clearly at the very least would raise questions which ought to have been put at the time to appropriate witnesses," Hamilton said of the Aug. 6 entries. "I would have if I had seen them."

The former house Iran-Contra committee chairman suggested that a congressional investigation might be in order.

## Iran-Contra figure dies

WASHINGTON, May 9, (UPI): Conservative political fund-raiser Carl "Spitz" Channell, a former west Virginia model operator who became the first person convicted in the Iran-Contra scandal, has died.

Channell, 44, died Monday at a Washington hospital, Jeff Barb, director of the Lohr funeral home in Channell's hometown of Elkins, west Virginia, confirmed yesterday.

The cause of death was not immediately available, said an employee of the Washington coroner's office who declined to be identified. The funeral was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, but final arrangements were pending.

Channell was a close aide of Oliver North, the former White House aide who was convicted last year of conspiring to sell arms to Iran and funneling the proceeds to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The scene at security zone No. 5 reflected the uncertainty among the rebels over the often-postponed demobilisation.

The disarming was the first under an accord reached last week between the government and the leadership of the Contra resistance, the Contra

process is to continue until June 10.

UN officials said there are about 13,800 rebels in seven security zones set up throughout the country for the demobilisation.

El Almirante, a dozen wooden homes in the banks of a small river, is the assembly point in security zone 5, which straddles Rio San Juan province and the South Atlantic autonomous region. UN officials said there were about 1,600 Contras in zone 5 but that more were coming in from the surrounding countryside.

"We did not have the ending we all wanted — to do away with the uncertainty that remains in all the nation," Israel Galeano, the top Contra commander, told the troops,

## Antiguans in Israel Arms investigation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9, (Reuters): Antiguan officials investigating how Israel weapons sold to the Caribbean island's security forces reached a Colombian drug baron have questioned an Israeli who allegedly trained hitmen for the drug cartel.

The Antiguan delegation which arrived in Israel yesterday interviewed the shadowy Yair Klein who is under investigation in Israel for alleged military training of Colombian drug dealers.

Klein's Tel Aviv lawyer Yigal Shapiro confirmed the meeting but Klein could not be reached for comment. "Hemel with the delegation from Antigua for clarifications. They have no legal standing here," Shapiro told Reuters today.

Klein earlier said some of the 500 Israeli-made assault rifles, machineguns and ammunition were destined for Panamanian opposition forces he was to train in Antigua.

The United States has voiced concern that Israeli weapons sold to Antigua in 1989 had turned up on the estate of drug lord Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, killed by

Colombian police last year. Israeli officials handed the Antiguan delegation documents showing that the sale was made legally to the island's security forces.

They insisted that Israel did not know how the weapons ended up in Colombia and had received guarantees from Antigua that they would not be sold to a third party.

Official Israeli documents show the Antiguan government had appointed a US resident named Maurice Sarfati as its special envoy to conclude the arms deal, worth some \$220,000. Sarfati is an Israeli citizen, Israeli newspapers said.

They said the weapons were shipped to Panamanian exiles who had links with Gacha and they sent the weapons to Colombia.

Shapiro said Klein intended to open a training school but the Antiguan government would not allow it. He said Klein knew Sarfati but denied they were business associates.



Pope waves to youth

Pope John Paul II waves to thousands of Mexican youths prior to a mass on Tuesday. The Pope urged the crowd to oppose political corruption and drug trafficking. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pope calls to help refugees

Ease Latam debt burden

MEXICO CITY, May 9, (Agencies): Pope John Paul II has called for international solidarity to ease Latin America's crushing debt burden and help tens of thousands of Central American refugees rebuild their lives.

"The mechanism that was to have served precisely to help developing countries has become an impediment," the Pontiff said of Latin America's foreign debt of about \$400 billion.

In a speech to diplomats yesterday, the Pope said some foreign lending to the region and the heavy burden of debt servicing had only served to accentuate underdevelopment.

Apparently referring to the US-proposed Brady Plan and other debt reduction initiatives, the Pope said: "Technical measures are not enough to solve the grave problems that threaten international stability."

It was the Pope's first comment on problems faced by Latin American debtor countries since he arrived in Mexico on Sunday for an eight-day visit.

He called for a new unity of the entire Latin American family of nations to confront the debt crisis and other difficulties on the path to development.

The Pope also spoke of the plight of Guatemalan and Salvadoran refugees who have streamed into Mexico over the last decade to escape guerrilla wars and poverty.

"Among them are children, women, widows, families that have often been divided, youths who have been frustrated in their aspirations, adults who have been uprooted from their jobs and deprived of all material possessions," he said.

In an apparent reference to the squalid living conditions and human rights abuses many Central Americans face in Mexico, the Pontiff urged the international community to help "guarantee that the inalienable rights that

correspond to them as people are sufficiently recognised."

United Nations officials say more than 150,000 Guatemalans and Salvadorans living in Mexico should be officially recognised as refugees because they faced political reprisals, including summary death sentences for alleged collaboration or sympathies with leftist rebels, if they were to return home.

The Mexican government reports about 12,000 Central Americans a month, according to a UN official.

While Mexico recognises 43,000 Guatemalans living in makeshift settlements as refugees, it has denied 100,000 Salvadoreans the same status, according to the official.

Earlier in the day, John Paul met Mexican diplomats after celebrating a mass for young people near a shrine at San Juan de los Lagos, 400 kilometres (250 miles) northwest of Mexico City.

There he encouraged Mexico's young people not to be disheartened by injustice and inequality and to use Christ as a defence against despair.

He said loss of hope in today's world was symbolised by pessimism, the artificial paradises in which so many find refuge.

"Young people, don't lose hope, you are the pilgrims of hope," the Pontiff cried.

More than 200,000 people packed the shores of a hill outside San Juan for the mass. Many waved flags in papal white and yellow or in green, the town's colour, and interrupted the Pope frequently with cheers and chants.

Priests wore white robes and yellow baseball caps to ward off the harsh sun.

The town was one of the centres of a guerrilla war waged in the 1920s by Catholic conservatives opposed to the government's tight religious restrictions, and memories of the conflict are still strong.

## US told: 'Stop screwing Cuba'

HAVANA, May 9, (Reuters): Cuban first Vice-President and Armed Forces Minister General Raul Castro yesterday criticised the United States for holding military manoeuvres around Cuba and told Washington to "stop screwing us around."

Holding up a photograph of a poster bearing that message, Castro wrote above the picture: "In my friend Cheney," addressing it to US Secretary of Defence Richard Cheney.

He said he considered addressing the message to either President George Bush or Vice-President Dan Quayle but added "Bush is too high, Quayle is too low," before settling on Cheney.

Castro, the brother of Cuban President Fidel Castro, used a picture that appeared in the armed forces newspaper *Revolucion* of a poster carried by May Day marchers in Havana last May 1.

The poster read: Yankee, stop screwing us around.

"We can say that this is a message from the Cuban people," Castro said, handing the newspaper to foreign reporters at army headquarters.

He signed it with the initials C.R. for his full surname Castro Ruz and put yesterday's date.

Castro was flanked by armed forces Chief of Staff General Ulysses Rosales del Toro and the head of Cuba's Army in Angola, General Leopoldo Cintia Fria.

Earlier, General Ulysses Betancourt, deputy armed forces chief of staff, had briefed reporters on three US military manoeuvres being held simultaneously in the Atlantic and the Caribbean which he said posed a direct threat to Cuba.

Washington has denied this, saying the manoeuvres are routine and not aimed against the communist-ruled island.

Betancourt said that last Saturday US B-52 "Superfortress" bombers came within eight minutes flying time or 80 km (150 miles) from Havana in a simulated air strike.

But we will be strong as long as we remain united," said Galeano, known as Commander Franklin.

Galeano referred to President Chamorro's temporary retention of Gen. Humberto Ortega as commander-in-chief of Nicaragua's armed forces. Ortega was a high-ranking official of the Sandinista government that the Contras fought, his brother, Daniel, was president.

The Contras had demanded that Gen. Ortega and all other Sandinistas be removed from the military. That demand was not mentioned in the two-page accord signed Friday.

# Plot to kill Bush in Colombia was foiled

2 held for buying Stinger missiles in US

BOGOTA, May 9, (Agencies): Colombian police seized 10 French-made missiles in February which drug traffickers planned to use to kill US President George Bush and President Virgilio Barco during a drug summit, newspapers reported yesterday.

The papers said attempts by two Colombians to buy sophisticated missiles in the United States could be linked to the February plot.

Two Colombians were arrested in Florida last Saturday and charged with trying to buy Stinger ground-to-air missiles.

El Espectador newspaper said Colombian police seized 10 French-made missiles, a grenade launcher and other weapons in a Bogota house

on February 12, three days before the presidents of the United States, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru met in the resort of Cartagena for a one-day anti-drug summit.

The missiles were to be used to attack Bush when he arrived at the nearby Barranquilla airport, El Espectador said, quoting security police sources.

Other missiles were to be used against Barco either at an airport or in the presidential palace, it said. Barco last August launched Colombia's toughest crackdown ever on the cocaine lords.



Hug for the president

Rafael Angel Calderon Jr. saying he was taking over a country "with an empty treasury," was inaugurated Tuesday as the 10th democratically elected head of Costa Rica since a 1948 revolution abolished the Army.

Calderon, who succeeded Nobel peace prize laureate Oscar Arias, met after the inauguration with other Central American presidents who agreed to hold regional economic summit June 15 in Antigua, Guatemala, that will also include Panama and Belize.

"We hope to prepare a joint theme for economic development. We are consolidating our politics to have a new power as a bloc to compete with Europe, Asia and the United States," Calderon said at a news conference, his first as president.

In his inauguration speech, Calderon faulted Arias for his economic performance.

Outgoing President Arias handed Calderon the oath of office shortly after noon (1800 GMT), ending a four-year term which had been devoted largely to peacemaking in conflict-torn Central America.

Fireworks boomed across San Jose and balloons in the national red white and blue colours lifted the sky over the capital's soccer stadium.

In the picture Rafael Calderon (right) is hugged by outgoing Costa Rican President Oscar Arias after being sworn in as the nation's president in San Jose. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Who'll become drug user

# Behavioural clues useful

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9, (AP): Teenagers provide behavioural clues in early childhood that they'll become drug users, researchers say.

A study by two University of California, Berkeley psychologists also concludes that adolescents who experiment with drugs tend to be better adjusted than abstainers or abusers.

Those findings by Jonathan Shedler and Jack Block might fly in the face of the "just say no" anti-drug campaign. But their peers agreed yesterday that casual drug experimentation often is part of having a healthy personality and doesn't always lead to addiction.

"This may be hard for some people to take, but the real issue is knowing when to put the brakes on," said Shirley Feldman of Stanford University's centre for study of family, children and youth. "There's a whole big world out there and, psychologically speaking, experimentation is healthy in most youths."

Shedler, perhaps nervous about the study being misinterpreted, said his findings don't advocate illegal drug experimentation.

In the study, the researchers followed 101 San Francisco youths for 15 years. It started when the children were aged 3. A follow-up study is continuing and the subjects are now 23 years old.

Those findings absolutely do not mean drug experimentation is something that is beneficial, Shedler said. "But it does mean that some limited drug experimentation may not be catastrophic. It could be a sign of trouble to come or simply a sign of normal adolescent exploration."

Psychologists, including Shedler, said a more effective and drug-free would identify children who have traits that signal possible drug problems later in life, and then counsel those youths.

According to the study, published in the May issue of *American Psychologist*, drug abuse is a symptom of deep-seated psychological problems originating in early childhood and is exacerbated by indifferent parenting.

At age 18, frequent drug users were alienated, deficient in impulse control and distressed compared with experimenters, the study said. Abstainers at that age were anxious, emotionally constricted and lacking in social skills compared with experimenters.

Those same psychological and behavioural traits were reported when the children were studied at ages 5, 7 and 11, according to the continuing research.

"Additionally, both frequent users and abstainers were judged to have received poorer maternal parenting than experimenters," the study said.

The mothers of frequent drug users and abstainers were "perceived to be cold, critical, pressuring and unresponsive to their children's needs," the researchers said.

The study equated drug use among adolescents to alcohol use in adults, saying experimentation and moderation are the most normal behaviour.

The drug problem is so severe in one section of the west side of Chicago that a majority of residents say they wouldn't mind the military patrolling their streets to combat it, the area's alderman said Tuesday.

Alderman Ed Smith said a door-to-door survey — conducted by his staff over a three-week period — showed residents are "98 per cent" in favour of having the US military assist Chicago police in the war on drugs.

## Witch hunt victims

# Exhume bodies

DURBAN, May 9, (Reuters): South African police said today they had exhumed the mutilated bodies of four women believed to have been sentenced to death by an informal black "people's court" for witchcraft.

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said the women, aged between 50 and 77, died in April in Natal. He quoted a source as saying families were told to bury them without telling police.

The province has been the scene of some of the bitterest fighting in a long-running struggle between supporters of the conservative, tribally-based Zulu Inkatha Movement and the leftist United Democratic Front (UDF).

A local headmaster said youths saying they belonged to the UDF had been targeting people who supplied muti, or traditional potions, to Inkatha members.

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## Amazon won't become 'museum'

BRASILIA, May 9, (AP): Brazil will act to limit the destruction of its Amazon rain forest, but will not turn the rapidly shrinking jungle into a "museum," the country's top environmental official says.

"We can't stop development and growth, but yes, we can make human occupation compatible with the survival of the planet," National Environment Secretary Jose Lutzenberger said.

"The Amazon has already been touched and occupied. That is why it can never be a reserve or a museum," said the noted 61-year-old ecologist.

Lutzenberger outlined ways to stop slash-and-burn devastation of the Amazon, where carbon dioxide produced by land-clearing fires is believed to add to the "greenhouse" effect warming the earth's surface. The fires also destroy the forest's capacity to regulate moisture and produce oxygen.

He was appointed last month by President Fernando Collor de Mello, who was elected in March, and made his comments a week after attending an international conference on the environment in Washington.

First, Lutzenberger said, the government planned to increase fire-fighting operations in the Amazon four-fold this year and start a programme to reforest the rain forest's soil by organic agricultural methods.

"In this way we will stop small farmers, impoverished by soil erosion that only gives two or three harvests, from burning other areas at the fringes of the jungle," said Lutzenberger.

Finance He said the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank had expressed interest in financing the programme but gave no details.

Lutzenberger said that 200,000 square miles (500,000 square kilometres) of the 2 million-square-mile (5 million square-kilometre) Amazon jungle had been cut and burned in a haphazard rush to inhabit the region.

But he said a suspension of federal subsidies that spawned large-scale development projects there "automatically" built interest in those projects, and consequently reduced the burnings.

Lutzenberger said the government of former President Jose Sarney had no "political interest" to stop the burnings, which are now monitored by a satellite that detects even brush fires and allows forest rangers in helicopters to catch and fine violators.

Further, Brazil needs to scrap plans to build hydroelectric dams in the rain forest, and should promote small generators and floating river turbines financed and run by local municipalities and private businessmen.

Alternative Brazil also needs to look to alternative sources of energy from the sun, wind and vegetation, he said.

"The construction of dams is a technocratic solution coming from concentrated power. The only ones who gain are the builders and the large investors," he said.

Lutzenberger criticised the Itaipu Dam, built by Brazil and Paraguay on the Parana river dividing the countries, and the Tucuru project in the Amazon jungle.

Itaipu only produces at 60 per cent of its capacity and we don't even know what to do with so much energy," Lutzenberger said. "Tucuru generates electricity for large aluminium factories that export minerals at low cost and the Amazon natives don't see any benefit."

The environment secretary said he opposed the idea of felling countries that polluted the environment because it would "condone the contamination."





### Cardinal passes away

Cardinal Tomás O Fiaich, the Roman Catholic primate of all Ireland, died after being taken ill on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, the Church has announced. He was 66.

The Cardinal, who was head of the church in both the Republic of Ireland and Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland, died at a hospital at Toulouse, 95 miles (150 kms) from Lourdes, on Tuesday night.

Philippe Giovanni, director of the Rangueil Hospital at Toulouse, told the Associated Press the Cardinal died of a cardiac arrest soon after being admitted.

He was flown by helicopter from Lourdes, a shrine where a peasant girl reported a vision of the Virgin Mary in 1858. Miraculous cures have been reported there.

## Destroyer fire kills 1, hurts 12

### Docked at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Virginia, May 9. (AP) The guided-missile destroyer USS Conyngham, damaged by a fire docked today at the Norfolk naval station.

One crewman was killed and 12 other sailors, including the No. 2 officer, were injured in the worst shipboard fire since a string of accidents prompted the navy to suspend operations for a two-day safety check in November.

In another accident yesterday, a propeller broke apart and threw debris onto the deck of a navy hovercraft involved in a towing exercise at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, killing a crewman.

The Conyngham docked at 2:30 am (0630 GMT), 21 hours after the fire erupted during routine operations about 100 miles (160 kilometres) southeast of Norfolk, said Lt. JG Karl Johnson, an Atlantic fleet spokesman.

Naval investigative service agents earlier were flown to the ship to help preserve evidence, said Cmdr. Deborah Burnette, an Atlantic fleet spokeswoman.

The fire aboard the 27-year-old ship with a crew of 383 started in the No. 1 boiler room as the boiler was being fired up, and spread to the ship's bridge, said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

The main fire was put out about 8 am, about 2 1/2 hours after it started, but the crew continued to fight smaller fires. The extent of damage was not immediately known.

More than 100 navy personnel were killed on duty during 1989, including 47 who died in a gun turret explosion aboard the battleship Iowa. From Oct 11 to Nov 22, 13 serious accidents occurred, four on Nov 14 alone.

Since the November safety check, fewer accidents have been reported, navy officials said, although no statistics immediately were available.

In May 1987, the Conyngham helped put out the fire on the USS Stark and tow it to port after it was hit by missiles from an Iraqi jet. Sixty Conyngham crewmembers were decorated for valor for their actions.

### Lava flows into Pacific

## Floods in Texas

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, May 9. (AP) Floodwaters swept away homes, cattle and crops as the rain-swollen Arkansas River reached a record level, and the national guard was called in to shore up a levee weakened by the worst flooding in northern Texas in 80 years.

In Arkansas, farmers hogged calves for transport and residents sandbagged their homes as the Arkansas River yesterday hit a record 27.6 feet (8.4 metres) — four feet (more than a metre) above flood stage — at Little Rock. More than 300 families were forced from their homes.

In Texas, more than 1,400 people have sought shelter from flooding along the Trinity River. Governor Bill Clements authorised the National Guard to send 50 soldiers to shore up a weakening levee on the Red River near Texarkana.

The water level at Lake Texoma on the Oklahoma line continued to fall after cresting at a record 27 feet (8 metres) above normal.

Thirteen deaths have been blamed on the weather in the past two weeks, one in Oklahoma and the rest in Texas.

Lava flowed into the Pacific Ocean despite a shutdown of the enormous flow that has rolled over the coastal town of Kalapana, and state and county officials met to map out a strategy for relief and revitalisation.

# Humans are a vegetarian species: researcher

## Medical File

ITHACA, New York, May 9. (AP) A major dietary study suggests that humans are a vegetarian species whose risk of disease is increased by eating meat and animal products, says a Cornell University researcher.

A plant-based diet is more likely to promote good health and reduce the risks of heart problems, cancer, diabetes, osteoporosis and other diseases, according to the preliminary findings of the continuing study in China.

"People who eat mostly plant foods and a generous variety of plant foods... that is the kind of diet that is most likely to be associated with reduced risk of the kinds of disease that tend to kill us in this country," said T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional biochemist who directed the continuing study.

Other dietary studies reached similar conclusions focusing on one aspect of a specific disease or on individual foods or nutrients, but none has taken such an extensive look at "the total dietary pattern effect," said Campbell.

"Animal foods, in general, are not really helpful and we need to get away from eating them," he said.

Only in the last few thousand years have meat and animal products become staples of our diet. "That's not nearly enough time to evolve new mechanisms

**New Aids drug promising:** The experimental drug didanosine, known as DDI, suppressed the Aids virus and increased the numbers of infection-fighting white blood cells in tests, two preliminary studies reported on Wednesday in New York.

But the drug also was associated with two toxic effects that could limit its long-term usefulness, the studies in the New England journal of medicine said.

The studies, known as phase one tests, only analysed the effect of varying dosages of the drug in 71 patients with Aids or Aids-related complex. They did not establish the long-term usefulness of the drug in fighting Aids.

Aids, the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, attacks the body's immune system and has proved terminal in all cases. High risk groups in the United States are male homosexuals and drug addicts who share needles.

The studies confirm a previous study reported last September on a group of 36 Aids patients treated with DDI. (Reuter)

**Breast milk may inhibit Aids:** US researchers said on Tuesday they had found a chemical in human breast milk that may prevent

the spread of Aids from an infected mother to her child during breast feeding.

The as-yet unnamed chemical in breast milk was found, in the laboratory, to inhibit the Aids virus from infecting human cells.

The 33 breast milk samples analysed in the study came from women from Baltimore, Boston and Haiti, some of whom were infected with the Aids virus and some of whom were not.

A search for the same compound in cow's milk and human blood was unsuccessful, reported Robert Yolken and Raphael Viscidi of Johns Hopkins University and David Newburg of Harvard Medical School.

Studies show that infants born to Aids-infected mothers have a 30 to 50 per cent chance of becoming infected. (Reuter)

**Oils and 'good' cholesterol:** Olive oils and similar products which have been touted for contributing to the level of "good" cholesterol in the body appear to have no particular advantage over other types of oils, American researchers said on Tuesday in Chicago.

Monounsaturated fats in olive oil and other products have been praised for maintaining the

level of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol in a reduced-fat diet. That type of cholesterol is believed to help protect against heart disease.

Some studies have suggested that polyunsaturated fats in corn oil and other products have the unwanted side effect of reducing good cholesterol levels along with the bad.

Researchers at the Stanford University school of medicine in Palo Alto, California, said a study of 39 men and women in the San Francisco area failed to find much difference in the types of fats. (Reuter)

**Olive oil no better than corn oil:** Olive oil may be no better for the heart than corn oil for people on low-fat diets, a new study suggests.

"When someone is eating a reduced fat diet that's low in saturated fats, it doesn't matter what kind of unsaturated fat they choose," said Darlene M. Dreonn, a research scientist at Lawrence Berkeley laboratory in Berkeley, California.

Previous research indicated that monounsaturated fats, found in olive oil and peanut oil, beneficially lower LDL cholesterol, so-called "bad" cholesterol, without lowering HDL, so-

called "good" cholesterol.

Polyunsaturates, such as in corn oil and safflower oil, also lower "bad" cholesterol, but they tend to lower "good" cholesterol as an unwanted additional effect, previous research has indicated. (AP)

**Aids risk in second decade:** Aids is changing in the United States from an epidemic that initially affected mainly homosexual men to one that is increasingly encompassing women and children, a leading government researcher said on Tuesday.

"The epidemic is not at all under control," said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

He said that as the second decade of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome progressed, intravenous drug users, rapidly becoming the primary risk group for Aids, would spread the disease to their sex partners and their children.

Fauci, speaking at the annual meeting of the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists, said the number of new Aids cases among intravenous drug users in New York City had recently surpassed that of homosexual men. (Reuter)

heart disease," he said.

Previous studies have urged reducing dietary fat to less than 30 per cent of an individual's daily calorie intake to curb the risk of heart disease and cancer. But the Chinese study suggests that fat should account for a maximum of 20 per cent — and preferably only 10 per cent to 15 per cent — of calories.



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## Canadian deportees sedated forcibly

OTTAWA, May 9, (AP): Deportees from Canada are sometimes forcibly sedated before being expelled to protect other travellers, the Canadian immigration minister said.

Any deportee leaving Canada by plane, train, bus or boat who might be disruptive on the trip is liable to be drugged, Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall said Monday.

"In some cases we provide a medical attendant for some people who are being deported. Should there be any sedation, that is done by the medical attendant," she told reporters.

She said under international agreements concerning airlines, "we have to make sure people's behaviour on an aircraft is appropriate and there's no danger to other passengers."

The practice is "not a violation of anything as far as I can tell," she said.

But Steve Foster, a lawyer with the Jesuit refugee service in Toronto, said the government is abusing the rights of deportees by drugging them without consent.

"We've got a charter of rights that says you can't do this to people," Foster said in a telephone interview. "To administer drugs for a non-medical reason is unethical. To administer drugs without a patient's consent is unethical."

In the United States, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service does not, "as a matter of policy sedate deportable aliens," but INS officers accompany anyone that might be potentially violent or dangerous," spokesman Duke Austin said in Washington.

### Black unrest

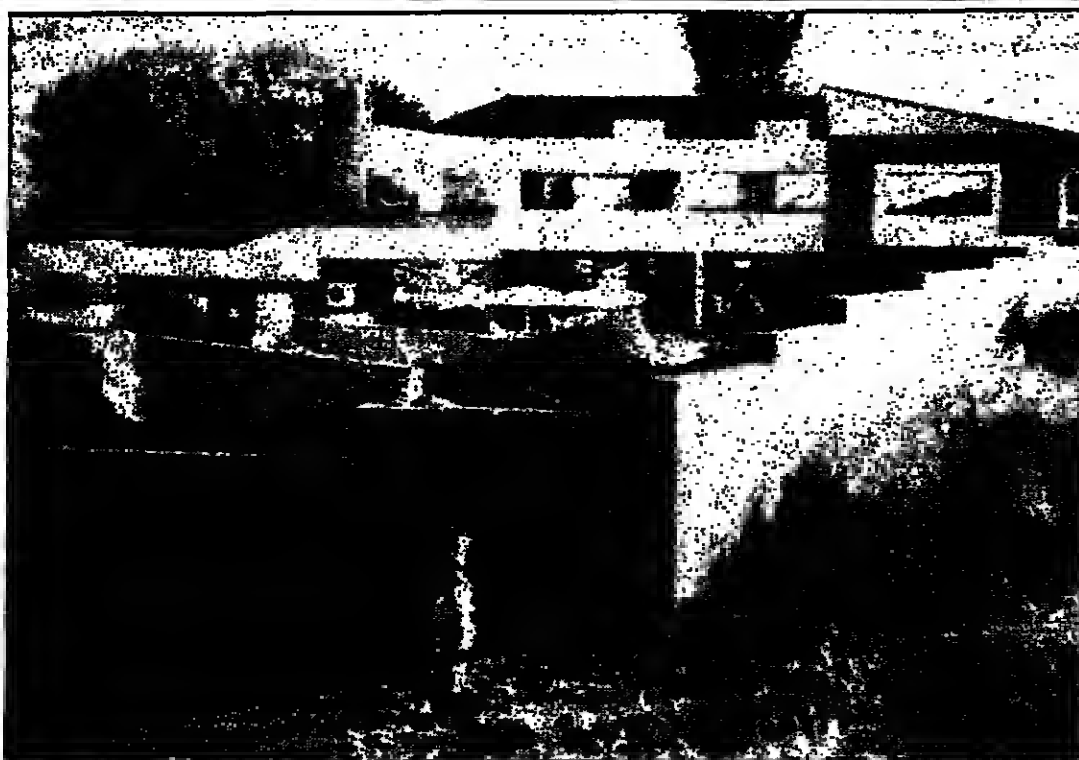
## Seven killed

JOHANNESBURG, May 9, (Reuters): A woman with a knife forced her way into a black township in South Africa's Natal province, police said yesterday.

A police bulletin said seven other people were killed over the past 24 hours in violence sweeping across South Africa.

A woman travelling on a luxury bus died of a bullet wound in the chest after a shot was fired at the vehicle near Hilton in Natal.

The mutilated bodies of four women were found at a township near Port Edward in Natal.



## Splendour in poverty

Nelson and Winnie Mandela have moved into a 15-room mansion (above) which rises in splendour over the poverty of Soweto township outside Johannesburg.

Neighbours said on Tuesday the Mandelas moved several days ago from a tiny "Matchbox" in Soweto's Orlando suburb which has been their home since the African National Congress (ANC) leader was released from jail in February.

Community leaders criticised Mandela's original decision to return to the humble residence he occupied before his detention in 1962, saying the leader of the people should live in better surroundings.

The new home, a few blocks away, is a split-level brick

and concrete mansion which Winnie had built while her husband was serving a 27-year jail term for plotting against white rule.

Workers on Tuesday put the finishing touches to the house which stands out as an Oasis of affluence in poverty-stricken and garbage-strewn Soweto, close to the homes of other black leaders such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Walter Sisulu.

Winnie was criticised for building the house, widely dubbed "Winnie's folly," while so many in Soweto were homeless or living in squalor.

She raised the money from royalties from her book, "Part of My Soul," and from a trust fund formed by friends.

## Mandela tried to save activist

### Murder trial

JOHANNESBURG, May 9, (AP): While Nelson Mandela was in prison, he sent a lawyer to his wife's house to remove three men who had been abducted there and beaten, a witness testified yesterday in a murder trial.

Mandela's wife, Winnie, has not been charged in the case, which went to trial last Wednesday, but two alleged victims who have testified so far have said she was the first to beat them, using a whip and fists. Then, according to their testimony, members of her bodyguard joined in.

James "Stompie" Seipei, a 14-year-old activist, was also abducted and beaten, the witnesses have said. His body was found, with stab wounds in the neck, in an open field on Jan. 6, 1989.

Jerry Richardson, one of Mrs. Mandela's bodyguards who lived at her home in the black township of Soweto, is accused of murdering "Stompie." He also is charged with four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault and one of attempted murder in connection with the

case. Eight other bodyguards are charged with lesser crimes and will be tried separately.

Barend Mono, 20, testified yesterday that after Richardson had taken Stompie away, the beatings stopped, but he and two other men were kept at Mrs. Mandela's home. Under cross-examination he repeated testimony that it was Mrs. Mandela who had begun the beatings after they were abducted on Dec. 29, 1988 from a Methodist church home.

Mrs. Mandela said last year she was not at home when the alleged beatings took place, but she said the abductions were justified because the men were engaged in homosexual activity with a minister running the church home. The Methodist church says it has investigated and cleared the minister.

Mandela, deputy president of the African National Congress, has made no comment on the case since he was freed in February from his prison term for sabotage and plotting the overthrow of the white government.

## De Klerk begins Europe's major trip

PARIS, May 9, (AP): South African President F.W. de Klerk arrived today on the first stop of an 18-day European tour viewed by his government as a major step away from decades of international isolation.

Buoyed by a breakthrough in black-white negotiations at home, De Klerk plans to meet with presidents and prime ministers in nine European countries, the most extensive trip by a South African leader since the National Party took power in 1948.

He is to confer tomorrow with French President Francois Mitterrand, who shunned P.W. Botha — De Klerk's predecessor — when Botha came to France to visit cemeteries of South African soldiers killed in the world wars.

No senior French official was at Orly airport to greet De Klerk, who was met by a Foreign Ministry representative and a military honour guard. De Klerk had no public events scheduled for today, but he is to hold a news conference next evening after meetings with Mitterrand and Premier Michel Rocard.

He reportedly was to have lunch tomorrow with prominent business leaders from across France, which is South Africa's sixth largest trading partner despite its observance of limited European Community economic sanctions.

It is wonderful to go to Europe with the knowledge that South Africa is busy taking its rightful place in the international community," De Klerk said at an airport news conference before his departure late last night.

En route, he conferred briefly with President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast during a refueling stopover in the western African country.

De Klerk said he was confident white extremists would not succeed in wrecking his reform plan to end apartheid racial segregation.

"The bigger problem is uncertainty more than (white) extremists," De Klerk said in an interview on France's TF-1 television network, broadcast ahead of his arrival in Paris.

"The extremists exploit the atmosphere of uncertainty created by reform to whip up emotions," De Klerk said.

"But I have confidence also in my people that they will not be misled by the unreasonable and hatred of this small group of extremists," he added.

"There is no question that things have moved so far that a completely new situation has been created here full of promise for peaceful change," he said.

He ruled out campaigning against anti-apartheid sanctions imposed by the European Community.

The trade embargo had slowed the rate of growth of the economy but "we have succeeded in showing that we have the power to handle sanctions," he said.

## Students protest in Seoul

### Firebomb thrown at US cultural centre

SEOUL, May 9, (AP): An estimated 10,000 students, hurling rocks and firebombs, fought riot police in downtown Seoul today in the largest anti-government street protests in the capital in recent years.

Anti-government protests in other cities throughout the country also turned violent as students, calling for the overthrow of President Roh Tae-woo, clashed with riot police.

The national news agency, Yonhap, said today's protests, the largest

this year, involved about 50,000 students on 80 college campuses in at least 11 cities throughout the country.

At some campuses, students trying to march into the streets hurled rocks and firebombs at combat-clad riot police, the agency said. The police, armed with shields and clubs, fired tear gas to block them, it said.

Police reported they had made arrests and that there were injuries during the protests, but they gave no details.

Fierce street battles broke out in central Seoul as groups of students, ranging in size from 300 to 2,000, dashed out from sidewalks to occupy main streets around the fashionable Shinsegae department store just before sunset.

About 2,000 riot police in the area were outnumbered by columns of protesters surging down main boulevards leading to the City Hall and other main government offices.

Angry demonstrators overpowered at least two groups of 200 to 300 riot police and seized their helmets, clubs, shields and other items. Some police were beaten up by protesters.

About 3,000 students fought pitched battles with riot police near the US cultural centre in downtown Seoul. Flames shot out of a first-floor room at the centre after students hurled firebombs at the building.

In front of hotel lotte, across from the US cultural centre, two police vehicles were on fire and foreign tourists were coughing in a dense fog of tear gas.

"Down with Roh Tae-woo," students shouted as they ran down the streets, waving clenched fists.

Radical students and dissidents had called for nationwide protests to demonstrate their opposition to the formal inauguration today of Roh's new governing party, which they called "dictatorial and undemocratic."

The ruling Democratic Liberal Party held its first national convention today after being formed early this year from the merger of the old governing party and two moderate opposition parties.

"Let's crush the DLP," many students shouted during the protests.

By nightfall, the demonstrators in Seoul, many of them armed with wooden sticks and rocks, took control of several commercial streets in the heart of the capital. A huge plaza in front of the City Hall was filled with tear gas, rocks and broken bottles.

Observers believe that the protests were the largest and most serious since nationwide anti-government demonstrations that forced former President Chun Doo-hwan to carry out major democratic reforms.

Earlier in the day, police arrested nine students who tried to march on the US embassy in central Seoul, shouting anti-government and anti-US slogans. Another band of students attacked a police substation with firebombs.

In the central city of Chungju, about 100 students torched a police substation with firebombs, Yonhap said. In nearby Taejeon, students burned a police bus, it added.

In the southern city of Kwangju, an opposition stronghold, about 200 students wrote "let's destroy the DLP dictatorship" in blood on a huge placard during a campus rally, the agency reported.

Violent protests also were reported in Suwon, Taegu, Pusan, Chonju, Cheju, Kongju and Mokpo.

The nation's 130,000 police had been put on increased alert because of the radicals' vow to stage anti-government protests in 17 cities.



## Accepting applause

South Korean President Roh Tae-woo (centre) and co-leaders of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party Kim Young-sam, (left) and Kim Jong-pil wave to applause by supporters at a party's national convention in Seoul yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mujahedeen back uprising

### Muslims revolt in China

BEIJING, May 9, (Reuters): A foreigner who spent months among Muslims in China's northwest frontier region said today a recent armed revolt there against Chinese rule was backed by Afghan mujahedeen guerrillas.

China has said 22 people died when police crushed an uprising in the town of Baren last month in Xinjiang, a huge and sensitive region bordering Afghanistan, the Soviet Union, Pakistan and Mongolia.

The official Chinese media has accused Muslims of forming Islamic death squads to launch a "holy war" for independence from communist rule by Beijing. But details have been sketchy and most of the region is now effectively closed to foreigners.

The foreigner, who speaks the local Turkic Uygur language and travelled extensively in areas near Baren a few days after the revolt, quoted several people in the area as saying mujahedeen guerrillas had supplied weapons from across the border.

His account could not be independently confirmed but Western diplomats in Beijing said it was feasible and in many respects similar to China's own official version.

The traveller said the weapons, mainly guns, were intended for simultaneous uprisings in six oasis towns along the ancient Silk Road on the 17th day of the Muslim Ramadan festival (April 13) — the anniversary of an historic Islamic victory.

The revolt was to be led by Abul Kasim, described as an Islamic spiritual leader and commander-in-

chief of an underground movement for an independent "Free East Turkistan" in Xinjiang. He is believed to be in his 40's.

"Everyone says Abul Kasim was sent from Allah," said the traveller who declined identification for fear of reprisals by Chinese authorities.

Kasim's plot was exposed, however, by a member of his rebel band during a row with a horse dealer. Hearing of it, Chinese authorities sent seven lightly armed militia to investigate in Akto county where the town of Baren is located.

Rebels killed them, the traveller said.

China's People's Armed Police then marched on the county and fought a battle with a small band of rebels on April 5 and 6, he added.

A senior official has called for stricter supervision of religious activities after unrest among Muslims in China's northwestern province of Xinjiang last month, according to a local broadcast on Wednesday.

"We should effectively intensify supervision over religious activities and the venues for such activities," Xinjiang regional Congress chairman Tomur Dawamats told provincial radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Taiwan said Tuesday it will not allow the Goddess of Democracy, a radio ship that plans to beam pro-democracy reports to China, to broadcast from Taiwan waters and urged the ship to observe international laws that ban unauthorised broadcasts.

## Japan balloon crash-lands

KATHMANDU, May 9, (UPI): A Japanese expedition attempting the first hot air balloon flight over Mount Everest crash-landed today on the mountain's Tibetan side, injuring one of the three crew members in a fire and stranding them in a remote area, officials said.

Officials of the Japanese embassy in Beijing and Nepal's Ministry of Tourism said Chinese, Japanese and Nepalese authorities were trying to co-ordinate a rescue effort to the landing site.

The expedition, sponsored by Japan's TBS television network, was to be the first to balloon over Everest, the world's highest peak at 29,028 feet (8,848m). The mountain rises from the Himalayas on the Nepal-China border, with Tibet on the Chinese side.

Prachanda Shrestha, an official of the Nepal Ministry of Tourism, said the balloon took off from Tingri in Tibet, on the northern foot of Everest, around 7 am Kathmandu time (0100 GMT), and headed over Everest for Nepal.

"One hour after takeoff the pilot reported the winds were not strong enough," Shrestha said. "He therefore reported he was making an emergency landing."

The co-pilot, Saburo Ichiyoshi, 44, suffered leg injuries when part of the balloon caught fire during the landing. Japan's Kyodo news service reported.

The pilot, Michio Kanda, 41, and a cameraman, Atsushi Saito, 37, were apparently uninjured. Shrestha said communications with the crew were sketchy because their hand-held radio transmissions were weak.

## Birendra clinging on to old powers

KATHMANDU, May 9, (Reuters): King Birendra, who promised to co-operate with Nepal's new government, is trying to cling to his old powers, Nepal Congress Party sources said today.

"Nobody gives up powers just like that and the king is also resisting the change," a senior official in the Nepal Congress Party of Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai told Reuters.

Bhattarai, sworn in three weeks ago after pro-democracy protests, attacked the king's power base on Monday by sacking 14 regional commissioners appointed by the palace.

The commissioners virtually ran the Himalayan kingdom and were answerable only to the monarch. After the sackings, palace officials rang up the home minister and said it was not a good step, said the Nepal Congress official.

The king later told the interim prime minister he would ask the commissioners to resign rather than accept the dismissals, the source said.

The monarch swore in Bhattarai to head a coalition with the communists after tens of thousands of people demanding democracy tried to storm his palace on April 6.

The monarchy appeared in danger of collapse but the king backed down, and replaced the partyless panchayat (council) system with multi-party politics.

Party sources said Bhattarai would next sack some top ministry officials and transfer others to try to gain further control over state agencies.

"At least 30 per cent of the top police brass are still not co-operating with the government," one senior party member said.

## HK abusing boat people

HONG KONG, May 9, (Reuters): An international aid agency accused Hong Kong yesterday of brutality towards Vietnamese women and children caught up in massive police raid on a detention centre for boat people last week.

Police fired more than 100 rounds of teargas last Friday to quell violence that raged for 11 hours after they raided Hong Kong's largest camp, arresting 180 inmates and seizing home-made weapons.

Philip Barker, a field officer for the Save the Children Fund Agency, said he had received reports of mothers pushed and hit by police with batons for moving too slowly.

"There's a very common pattern of people saying they were made to stand out in the open for very early in the morning until three or four o'clock in the afternoon with no food, no drink," Barker said.

"And if they wanted to urinate or defecate they had to do it exactly where they were in full public view."

## Tokyo writers quit in protest

TOKYO, May 9, (KUNA): Two popular novelist and one literary critic are pioneering a campaign of resignations from the Japan Writers Association in protest against its refusal to grant a membership to Norio Nagayama, a 40-year-old novelist on death row.

Encouraged by the three men's resignations, more writers and critics are expected to leave the association, observers noted.

Nagayama's death sentence was upheld by supreme court on April 17. He was convicted of killing four people in less than one month in 1968. He was 19 years old when he committed the murders.

During his 21-year court battle that challenged the constitutionality of capital punishment, Nagayama began writing novels in prison.

Some of his works, including "Years of Ignorance" and "Abandoned Kids Playing," were published and highly praised.

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Vigilante Hannia Muller (left) points his Magnum pistol at a fellow volunteer during a meeting to discuss racial tension in Welkom, Orange Free State town, South Africa. Blacks are staging consumer boycott to retaliate against alleged white violence. (Reuters wirephoto)

WELKOM, May 9, (Reuters): Racial hatred has placed the town of Welkom under siege. After Nelson Mandela and President F.W. de Klerk's first tentative steps towards negotiating a settlement to South Africa's political stalemate, white diehards are stoking apartheid's fires in this Orange Free State mining town.

Khaki-clad vigilantes, charging that police are unable to contain crime in Welkom, have established night patrols to chase blacks from the town's neat suburbs and leafy avenues.

Armed with shotguns and Magnum pistols, vigilantes head out in groups of 12 in unmarked vans to patrol the uneasy streets of the town, which means "welcome" in Afrikaans.

Organisers say most night patrols are uneventful, with routine checks on the properties of elderly people and women living alone.

But trade union and civil rights officials say the vigilantes are more concerned with "black-hating" and terrorising law-abiding residents than maintaining law and order.

They say at least two blacks have been murdered, allegedly at the hands of the patrols, since they were launched earlier this year.

The white organisers of South Africa's biggest vigilante scheme — they boast a membership of more than 4,000 — deny the murders and are unrepentant about their actions.

They say they have a mission to clean up their home town of 75,000 whites, surrounded by huge compounds housing thousands of black miners who work in the goldfields.

"We don't want Kaffirs dancing in the streets. If they want to play with fire we can play with fire as well," said Hennie Muller, one of the masterminds of the "white security" scheme.

It was established shortly after the government opened the floodgates of black dissent in February by releasing Mandela from jail and legalising protest movements such as his African National Congress (ANC).

But whites living in South Africa's conservative hinterland did not subscribe to the generally favourable reviews of De Klerk's initiative, and their reaction in Welkom has fuelled fears of a white pro-apartheid backlash.

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# US bases talks will shape Asia-Pacific security

MANILA, May 9. (Reuters) Negotiations opening on Monday on the future of US military bases in the Philippines will help shape security patterns in Asia and the Western Pacific into the next century, defence analysts say.

Subic Bay naval station and Clark air base are the largest US military facilities in the Asia-Pacific region, and played a key role during the Vietnam war.

But the US says it is ready to pull out within a year, ending almost a century of American military presence in the Philippines, if it cannot get an acceptable new agreement when the lease expires in September 1991.

The United States and the Philippines will open exploratory talks on Monday in Manila to decide whether to negotiate a treaty allowing the continued stay of the bases, or close them and convert them to civilian use.

The US team is led by Richard Armitage, a former assistant defence secretary known as a tough bargainer, while the Philippine side will be led by Foreign Secretary Paul Manglapus.

Although the bases are big money earners for the Philippines, providing jobs for 78,000 Filipinos, militant labour

organisations and student groups are planning to picket the talks to lobby for the removal of the facilities.

They believe the Philippines, a former US colony, will not be free from American interference until the bases are removed, and to a large extent the talks will be as much about Filipino self-esteem as about money.

Officials from President Corason Aquino down have stressed that a central demand is for Manila to be treated as an equal ally, rather than a lackey.

"I think it is all a matter of each one recognising that each is important and each should respect the other," Aquino told reporters.

US Ambassador Nicholas Platt said the possible joint use of the facilities by the US and the Philippine military could be a substantive part of the talks.

Joint use could lead to the eventual complete takeover of the bases by the Philippine military, with the US retaining access, defence analysts say. Philippine Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos has suggested a gradual phase-out by 1998.

Subic and Clark are vital for their training and storage facilities, and inject around \$1 billion a year into the

Philippine economy in aid and indirect spending.

Subic, the more important of the two, has vast underground armament magazines, a harbour which can take the largest aircraft carrier, a ship repair facility and an airfield.

Clark can store as much oil as New York's Kennedy airport and an extensive bomber range for flight training.

Both help project American power into the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, and as far as the Gulf.

The talks are taking place against the backdrop of the end of the cold war and arms cuts by both the superpowers. Soviet Ambassador Oleg Sokolov says the bases are now relics of the cold war and should be removed.

But US Pacific Commander Admiral Huntington Hardisty says the United States will need to maintain a strong presence in the Asia-Pacific region until well into the next century to maintain regional stability.

Japan and many Southeast Asian nations agree, seeing the US presence as preferable to a build-up by Japan, China, India or Vietnam.

Hardisty said that if the United States withdrew from the Philippines, forces could be redeployed to other areas in the region, including the US territory of Guam, to Singapore and to Japan.

The Manila negotiations will be in two stages. The initial exploratory talks will decide whether there are grounds for longer negotiations.

At the exploratory stage the Philippines will question why the United States has not lived up to its earlier financial commitments, with the US Congress shovelling \$96 million off a \$481 million compensation package for 1990.

The US has said it will make up for the shortfall with extra military equipment.

Another possible stumbling block is Philippine insistence that a new pact must be in the form of a treaty, as stipulated by the new Philippine constitution, and not as previously an executive agreement.

Both sides say the negotiations could be stormy, and on Tuesday Aquino heard proposals for the possible conversion of the bases into industrial and agricultural estates, as well as the suggested relocation of Manila's military camps to the US base sites north of the capital.

## 21 soldiers go on trial

### Filipino coup

MANILA, May 9. (AP) The first of 21 soldiers charged in a coup attempt last December went on trial yesterday, but their lawyers stormed out of court after the judges denied a motion challenging the tribunal's legality.

The officers, including two generals, are charged with mutiny, murder, attempted murder and conduct unbecoming an officer in the Dec 1-9 rebellion against the government of President Corason Aquino. If convicted of all charges, they could receive life prison sentences.

During the opening session, defence lawyers filed several motions, including one challenging the authority of military Chief of Staff Gen. Renato de Villa to appoint the military judges.

Defence lawyer Pablo Sanidad argued that De Villa should have refrained from appointing the seven-member panel because he was in effect a "co-accuser."

De Villa's residence was bombed and destroyed during the coup attempt.

Defence lawyers also argued that the order creating the court and appointing its members was not properly signed by De Villa.

But the chief judge, Brig. Gen. Demetrio Camua, ruled that the

tribunal was "duly constituted."

"I'm sorry I cannot stand in behalf of my client and could not be a willing instrument over this illegally assembled body," said one of the defence lawyers, Alfredo Lazaro, who then left the courtroom, followed by fellow defence lawyers.

One of the defence attorneys, Oliver Lozano, said later the walkout was "in protest, because we felt helpless and we were not being heard."

He said defence lawyers would ask the Supreme Court to issue a restraining order and rule on the decision to proceed with the trial. Camua adjourned the proceedings until next Tuesday.

"I think we are being railroaded," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Jose Comendador, the senior defendant. "This is worst than a Kangaroo court."

Relatives of the defendants jammed a small viewing room adjacent to the courtroom at Camp Crame, headquarters of the Philippine constabulary.

Children of the defendants wore T-shirts with the words "Our dream will never die," the motto of the revolutionary alliance of the masses soldiers of the Filipino people, one of several military dissident groups linked to the failed coup.

## Report on human rights

### Abuses down

MANILA, May 9. (AP) Human rights violations have decreased in the Philippines in recent years but military forces still head the list of violators, human rights watchdog groups said in separate reports obtained today.

Mary Concepcion Bautista, chief of the government's Commission on Human Rights, said the commission's efforts had "substantially" reduced the incidence of human rights violations.

In a report to the Asia-Pacific workshop on human rights, the commission said 1,863 people were cited as violators in 1988. Of those, 1,077 were soldiers or policemen and 603 were members of the communist New People's Army.

This compares with 833 soldiers and policemen and 110 rebels cited as violators in 1989. Other alleged violators include anti-communist vigilantes, militiamen and paramilitary troops.

The report also showed that violators among the paramilitary citizens armed forces geographic units increased from 14 in 1988 to 89 the following year as those units gradually took over from the notorious civilian home defence forces.

The home defence force is being phased out following complaints of widespread abuses. The units are supposed to be under tighter military control, but critics say the only difference is the name change.

The commission said there were 1,200 cases of violations in 1989, 383 fewer than in 1988.

It also reported that there were 540 killings, 101 disappearances, 50 torture and 136 arbitrary detention cases reported in 1988, but the numbers dropped to 352 killings, 54 disappearances, 25 torture and 100 arbitrary detention cases in 1989.



A Soviet war veteran rests on his crutches during a celebratory meeting at the Bolshoi Theatre on Tuesday, to mark the 45th anniversary of the end of the World War II. President Gorbachev came under fresh challenges Tuesday from independence-minded Baltic republics but rebuffed Soviet military hardliners seeking an old style crackdown against opponents. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Three Filipinos charged in murder of US officer

OLONGAPO, Philippines, May 9. (UPI) Police filed charges of homicide and attempted robbery today against three Filipinos in the killing of a US marine sergeant, but the prosecutor dismissed the case and ordered the release of the suspects.

In a resolution, assistant prosecutor Dorentino Floresca said the arrest of the three without proper judicial warrants was "unjustified."

"We cannot help but apply the rules equally regardless of the nature of the offence and the personalities involved," Floresca said.

Gunnery Sgt. John Fredette, 34, on temporary assignment at the US-run Subic Bay naval base from the marine station in El Toro, California, was fatally shot with a single bullet fired on the back of the head Friday night in Olongapo, a liberty city 50 miles (80 km) northwest of Manila.

Police said between 10 pm Saturday and 5 am Sunday, three suspects — Reynato Angeles, 33, William Burke, 24, and Johnny Quilong, 25 —

were arrested.

Police investigator Lieut Leonardo Esteban said the three would not be released. "We are going to oppose the resolution," he said.

Olongapo police chief Lieut Col Macanthur Torres told reporters yesterday Angeles had admitted he shot Fredette, originally from Chicopee, Massachusetts, but a resident of Buena Park, California. Burke and Quilong denied involvement in the killing.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**4.8 pc defence cut sought:** The treasury wants to cut Britain's defence budget by one billion pounds (\$1.7 billion), or 4.8 per cent, in response to reduced East-West tensions, the London Evening Standard reported Wednesday.

It said the scale of the proposed cut, "even as an opening bid, has startled the Ministry of Defence."

The Defence Ministry called the report "speculative" while the treasury said it would not speculate on future government decisions. (AP)

**Amnesty report outdated:** Turkey said on Wednesday that a first look at Amnesty International statement alleging torture and other human rights abuses continued unabated in the country seemed strained and out of date.

"This report seems to be a photostat copy of the previous one," Foreign Ministry spokesman Murat Sungar said of a statement issued by the London-based human rights group earlier on Wednesday.

"One can sense a forced aspect (in it). It is being examined carefully but the report gives the impression that great efforts have been made to find points to criticize," Sungar said. (Reuters)

**US vets snub Quayle:** US Vice President Dan Quayle hailed America's World War II soldiers Wednesday as heroes who laid the groundwork for European unity, but some veterans snubbed a ceremony because of Quayle's military record.

One of the legions present said that several people in his 750-member organisation declined to attend the ceremony at the American Embassy because they believed Quayle avoided combat duty during the Vietnam war by joining the Indiana National Guard. (AP)

**Hubble fails location test:** US space agency engineers struggled unsuccessfully Tuesday to teach the Hubble space telescope exactly what in the heavens it is looking at.

The telescope was told to look for stars of a certain brightness in what scientists thought was a rich field. It found none.

"It was somewhat of a surprise," said Michael Harrington, the NASA engineer in charge of checking out the instrument. "We had expected that this field has a plenitude of that size stars and that we had no problem getting plenty. It didn't turn out quite like that." (AP)

**X-ray telescope launch:** A spaceborne observatory set for launch on an unmanned rocket on May 31 will open astronomers' eyes to the invisible universe, American and German scientists said on Tuesday.

The Roentgen satellite, built by the federal republic of Germany and readied for launch by the United States, will probe the universe for radiation the human eye cannot see.

The satellite carries telescopes that can detect x-rays and extreme ultraviolet light from mysterious black holes, fiery quasars, exploding stars, and invisible but massive stellar objects that astronomers suspect are remnants of the "big bang" from which the universe is thought to have formed. (Reuters)

**Deportation of Jews not inhuman:** A lawyer defended an accused war criminal on Tuesday by saying the Nazi deportation of Jews from Hungary was not inhuman and that some people on holiday stay in worse places than a brickyard where 8,000 Jews were held.

Imre Finta, a former Toronto restaurant owner, has pleaded not guilty to charges of robbery, manslaughter, kidnapping and forcibly confining 8,617 Jews from Szeged, Hungary in 1944. The 77-year-old Finta was a captain in Hungary's para-military gendarmes.

Referring to Canada's detention of Japanese-Canadians during World War II, lawyer Douglas Christie said during his final summation in the country's first war crimes trial that Finta was only doing what Canadian authorities had done. (Reuters)

**Danger: Journalists at Work:** The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) on Tuesday launched a handbook advising reporters in the frontline of war, revolution and disasters how to stay alive.

The Brussels-based IFJ, grouping journalists' unions and organisations in 38 countries, published the 30-page book entitled "Danger: Journalists at Work," as part of a \$100,000 safety campaign. (Reuters)

**Sensitise conjugal violence:** Concerned by the increase in conjugal violence, a solidarity association of women has launched a campaign to sensitize the population to this flaw, a Swiss daily reported Wednesday.

La Suisse observed that in the span of three months (June to August 1989), 109 cases of conjugal violence were registered in Switzerland. The victims' ages range between 20 and 30 years, and the majority were of Swiss nationality coming from different social classes. (Kuna)

**System to ease traffic jams:** A new system designed to ease motorway congestion is to be introduced on a commercial basis in the UK this August, it was reported in London Wednesday.

The system, thought to be the first of its kind commercially available in the world, gives motorists advance warning of traffic jams. In this way, drivers will be able to choose an alternative route and so avoid being stuck in traffic for hours, its makers claim. (Kuna)

## Call to curb lending

### British in debt

LONDON, May 9. (Reuters) The British are sinking ever more into debt to fund increasingly affluent lifestyles, a consumer watchdog said today.

The National Consumer Council said there had been a change of attitude in Britain to debt, whether on credit cards, secured loans, overdrafts or mortgages, and called for a crackdown on lending.

"Credit is no longer viewed exclusively as an emergency measure, to be used for the necessities of life," the council said in a report.

Its survey showed that Britons owe on average twice as much per head as they did a decade ago despite an eight per cent rise in disposable income.

Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government prides itself on raising living standards and introducing more home ownership.

But to curb rising inflation, now at a year-on-year rate of 8.1 per cent, it has doubled interest rates since June 1988 pinching those who borrowed to buy property and fund spending.

"Debt problems have got worse in the last decade and could get worse still, with more people taking out second mortgages to pay for things like cars and holidays, and with house values falling," the report said.

"And some people," says the report, "are being lent money that they have little or no hope of repaying."

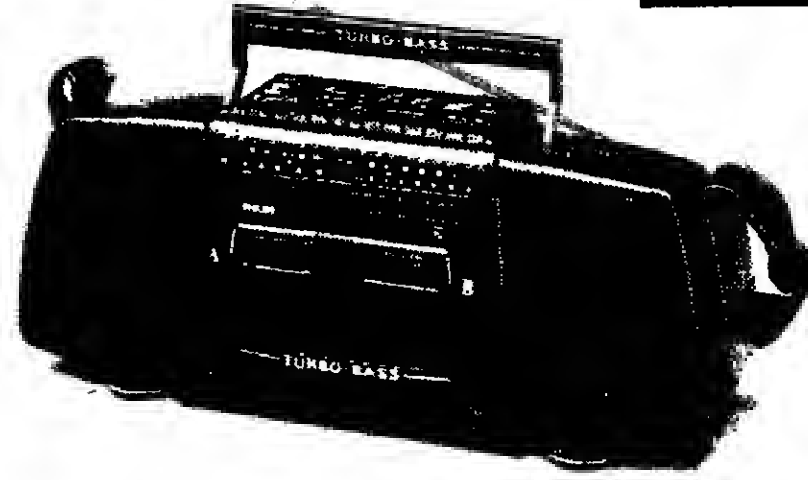
The 11-year-old Thatcher government has also embarked on a huge privatisation scheme encouraging millions of people to buy shares who in the past had not held them.

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A benedicted Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov salutes as he reviews troops from an open limousine at the start of the May 9 military parade on Red Square for the 45th anniversary of Nazi Germany's surrender in World War II. (Reuter wirephoto)



Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev waves to the crowd from the top of Lenin's mausoleum before watching the May 9 military parade on Red Square commemorating the 45th anniversary of Nazi Germany's surrender in World War Two. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Danger still looms: Yazov

Moscow marks victory day with a big military parade

MOSCOW, May 9. (Agencies) Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov said today the country still faced military danger but pledged to pursue military reform as Moscow commemorated the defeat of Nazi Germany with a big parade.

Yazov, standing next to President Mikhail Gorbachev atop the Lenin mausoleum in Red Square, was speaking one day after the Soviet leader criticised the armed forces and called for a re-examination of their role.

"Under the influence of deep transformation in the Soviet Union, there have been considerable positive changes in international affairs. Dialogue is taking the place of confrontation," Yazov said.

Yazov said the defeat of the Nazis 45 years ago was the "achievement of our homeland, our people," and stressed the role played in the victory by the Communist Party, saying three million of its members died in the war.

Revised figures disclosed last week put total Soviet losses at about 27 million.

At a time when Eastern European countries are negotiating the departure of hundreds of thousands of Soviet troops stationed there since the war, he said the Soviet people had liberated the peoples of Europe from the fascist yoke.

Gorbachev smiled broadly next to Yazov and other members of the country's leadership as ranks of land, sea and air troops, military cadets and Interior Ministry forces launched the 30-minute parade through the square.

In contrast to last week's May Day celebrations, when Gorbachev was cheered by crowds seeking to pursue failed policies, today's parade was a low-key, polished affair with a minimum of fanfare.

No foreign veterans marched in the square as in past major celebrations. However, defence ministers and chiefs of staff from Warsaw Pact countries did attend.

Moscow streets were virtually empty, with a marked absence of the enthusiasm shown on previous such occasions when families would turn out to witness the parade.

Troops paraded in formation over the cobbled square to take a salute from Gorbachev, commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Cadets scurried across Red Square to present flowers to the Kremlin chief and Yazov atop the mausoleum.

Television showed only the country's top leadership — Gorbachev, Yazov, Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov and Supreme Soviet Chairman Anatoly Lukyanov — excluding the rest of the leadership.

A parade to celebrate Soviet victory day in Lithuania ended in a rally against Baltic independence by 5,000 protesters backed by the Communist Party and military.

Rally speakers denounced the Latvian Parliament's declaration of independence on May 4.

In the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, meanwhile, a witness reported that 200 people tried to block a procession of Russian veterans marching to the statue of a Red Army hero from World War II.

"We consider the declaration of independence a defeat for everyone," said Lt Gen. Oleg Zinchenko, head of the political directorate of the Baltic military region, which encompasses the republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Zinchenko, saying he spoke for the Red Army and the Soviet fleet, said at the rally in Riga that appeals from the military to the Kremlin to intervene more forcefully in the Baltics were not signs of weakness.

"Nothing could be more dangerous than that misperception," he told his audience in front of the Latvian capital's towering World War II victory memorial. Many people in the crowd waved bright red banners as well as Latvian flags emblazoned with the Soviet hammer and sickle.

A traditional military parade also took place in Lithuania, without any confrontations between supporters and opponents of Lithuanian independence, Radio Vilnius reported.

In Riga, the victory day celebration began at mid-morning with a military parade overseen by the commander of the entire Baltic military district, Maj. Gen. Pyotr Kuzmin.

A Soviet admiral urged Gorbachev yesterday to invoke "strict law and order" against draft evasion, desertion and what he said were Baltic insults against World War II veterans.

The remarks by Adm. Vasily Gribanov, at a rally in the Bolshoi theatre drew prolonged applause from a crowd of veterans, many of them highly decorated generals and admirals from World War II.

"But at the same time, the military threat remains. In these conditions the Soviet Union maintains its military preparedness at the necessary and sufficient level and is carrying out a radical transformation of its defence capacity, all of which constitutes military reform."

The profound changes brought about by Gorbachev's perestroika policies were not yet irreversible, he said.

Gorbachev, in a speech at ceremonies on the eve of the anniversary, said the country's leadership was "far from being satisfied with the current situation in the army. And of course it also cannot be beyond the pale of criticism."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Nato envoy resigns:** Luxembourg announced that its ambassador to Nato Guy de Mussyer has resigned and a senior government official said US intelligence suspected he had passed information to Moscow.

"The CIA has information that he may have given some sort of security information to officials in Moscow," the senior official said. (Reuter)

**French reds hold key:** France's Communist Party held the key on Wednesday to the survival of Prime Minister Michel Rocard's socialist government which faces an opposition censure motion over an amnesty for corrupt politicians.

The communists, whose 26 parliamentarians could tilt the balance in the late evening vote, called an emergency session of their central committee to decide whether or not to side with their traditional enemies on the right.

Despite a booming economy, striking unemployment and inflation, and a strong franc, Rocard's popularity ratings have tumbled recently over the January amnesty. (Reuter)

**Albania announces reforms:** Albania, Europe's last hardline communist state, has announced sweeping reforms of human rights, giving individuals more legal powers and changing the definition of crimes against the state.

The official Albanian news agency ATA said on Wednesday that Parliament had unanimously approved draft laws covering a broad range of topics including crimes carrying the death penalty, the right to hold a passport and legalising foreign investment.

The reforms were announced on Tuesday at the same parliamentary session at which Prime Minister Adil Canani declared Albania's readiness to join the East-West conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). (Reuter)

**Italian reds suffer setback:** Italian voters dealt the Communist Party and its "new course" a sharp setback in regional and provincial elections while groups seeking greater local autonomy made surprising gains.

"Earthquake at the polls," said the national daily newspaper La Repubblica after the Lega Lombarda in the Milan area won 19 per cent of the votes, outpolling the communists in the wealthy industrial region. (AP)

**Award for false conviction:** A provincial court has awarded 37 million zlotys in compensation for a man imprisoned for more than six years on a false conviction during the Stalinist persecutions of the 1950s, the Polish news agency PAP reported Wednesday.

Franciszek Slowik, arrested in 1948, was a member of the prewar Polish Socialist Party and Poland's Home Army. PAP said.

He will receive the equivalent of nearly \$3,900 under the ruling issued by the provincial court in Rzeszow on Tuesday. (AP)

**CDU declares victory:** The leader of a separatist, centre-right party declared victory on Tuesday in Croatia's first free elections in 50 years and exhorted that the republic was finally "free of Marxist one-party rule."

Preliminary results of Sunday's and Monday's final round of parliamentary elections in the republic showed the centre-right party, the Croatian Democratic Union, capturing at least 158 seats in the 356-seat state legislature. (AP)

**Yugoslavia wants to join:** Citing recent political and economic reforms, the Yugoslav president said Tuesday that his country is now ready to join all major European organisations.

Janez Drnovsek, addressing the parliamentary assembly of the council of Europe, said Yugoslavia was "interested in the existing forms of European co-operation, its institutions and organisations, becoming broader-based and paving the way to new European co-operation by being more open towards other countries and associations." (AP)

**Defeat predicted:** An opposition leader on Tuesday predicted that the remnants of the ruling Communist Party on Tuesday will be thrown out of office in Bulgaria's June elections despite an all-out effort to stay in power.

"The Communist Party is bound to lose the elections. It will be a catastrophic defeat," said Petko Simionov, a senior leader of the opposition Union



'Good understanding'

Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene said she struck a "good understanding" Tuesday with Britain's Margaret Thatcher about the Soviet republic's declaration of independence.

Aides of Prime Minister Thatcher stressed that while she was sympathetic, Britain's priority remained not to upset Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"I am very pleased with the discussions," Prunskiene said after meeting Thatcher at her 10 Downing Street residence. "We have a good understanding how matters should be resolved in the future regarding Lithuania."

The scheduled 30-minute meeting between the two women turned into a 75-minute discussion. "They clearly go on very well," said a British official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The official added that Thatcher will write to Gorbachev to report on the meeting.

"We don't want the apple cart upset, but we do sympathise with them (Lithuanians)," said one British official. "The question is, how we get it sorted out."

Picture shows the Prime Minister of Lithuania Kazimiera Prunskiene leaving 10 Downing Street in London after talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Hungarian opposition tells Pull out from Pact**

BUDAPEST, May 9. (Reuter) Hungary's main opposition party said today the forthcoming government should revive a 1956 decision to take the country out of the Warsaw Pact.

The Alliance of Free Democrats said Hungary should suspend participation in the Soviet-led military alliance pending a final decision by parliament.

The Free Democrats' draft resolution to parliament seemed to endorse Prime Minister-designate Jozsef Antall, whose centre-right Hungarian Democratic Forum is expected to form a coalition within the next two weeks.

The 1956 decision by the anti-Stalinist government of Imre Nagy withdrawing from the Pact provoked the Soviet Union into sending troops to crush the Hungarian uprising.

Nagy was later executed for treason. The resolution was put to the new national assembly today by Miklos Vasarhelyi, Nagy's government spokesman at the time.

"It is known that on Nov. 1, 1956, the revolutionary government of Hungary said it was leaving the Warsaw Pact with immediate effect," said the 72-year-old Vasarhelyi who helped draft the original declaration.

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## 'Don't reject Moscow's idea'

BONN, May 9. (AP) The head of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's junior coalition allies yesterday cautioned Kohl against rejecting Moscow's idea of unifying Germany before resolving a dispute over the country's military allegiance.

The comment by Otto Lambrecht, chairman of the Free Democrat Party, seemed to mark a split between Kohl and his liberal coalition allies.

Meanwhile, another Free Democrat suggested that West Germany help pay for the presence of Soviet troops on East German soil until the problem of a unified Germany's military allegiance is cleared up.

Olaf Feldmann, the FDP's military expert, said the continued stationing of Soviet troops on what is now East German soil is "unacceptable" for a "limited transition time" after unity, reported the Neue Presse newspaper of Hamm.

"This must not fall because of costs, we'll have to participate in that," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Feldmann said that, for its own protection, Germany must "as far as possible" help the Soviet Union solve its own problems, the newspaper said. He was presumably speaking about the extra economic burdens the Soviet Union would face if its troops in East Germany returned home.

An estimated 380,000 Soviet troops are stationed in East Germany.

West German officials have hinted previously that there would be economic incentives for the Soviets in return for their full support of Bonn's unification blueprint, but have not specified what those would be.

The Soviet Union rejects the idea of a unified Germany belonging to Nato, while the Nato allies say German membership in the Western alliance is crucial.

Bonn and Washington have said they would not mind Soviet troops remaining on what is now East German soil for a transition period, but they are opposed to Moscow's proposal for a neutral Germany.

During unification talks last weekend, Soviet Foreign Minister Edvard Shevardnadze suggested postponing a decision on the military complications of merging the two Germanys until after unification occurs.

Kohl rejected that idea on Monday, saying it could be "fatal" for unity if the military dispute wasn't resolved quickly.

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## Peace talks issue unresolved Labour for coalition again

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9. (UPI) Labour Party leaders, lobbied by a religious faction in Parliament, announced their readiness today to join another coalition with the right-wing Likud Party although questions on advancing the peace process remain unresolved.

The decision sparked outrage by more dovish Labour members who said Likud was not a partner for pursuing the peace process. Acting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, attempting to form a Likud-led coalition, declined immediate comment on the development.

In its decision, Labour said a new "national unity" government would be based on the guidelines of the previous coalition, Israel's 1989 peace initiative and a cabinet decision in November that conditionally accepted a US formula for Israeli-Palestinian talks, army radio reported.

But questions on the makeup of a Palestinian delegation for such talks and when a decision would be made on the issue remain unanswered. Israel's Labour-Likud coalition collapsed March 13 over the parties' disagreement over the makeup of a Palestinian delegation and participation of East Jerusalem Arabs.

"What we agreed now as a precondition — all the former Labour ministers — is that all these questions should be decided after forming the government," Yaacov Tsur, a Rabin ally, told reporters.

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## Court ruling Make pacts public

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 9. (AP) Electoral reformers claimed their first victory today after Israel's Supreme Court ordered political parties to make full disclosure of political pacts made to form government coalitions.

In a unanimous 25-page decision, a three-member panel of judges ruled in favour of petitions by four Israeli citizens against the centre-left Labour Party of Shimon Peres and the right-wing Likud Bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as well as individual politicians.

Chief Justice Meir Shamgar wrote that the disclosure should be made in the Knesset, or parliament, no later than the day the prime minister designate presents his new government for a vote of confidence.

"Free opinion and public knowledge of what is occurring in the system of government are an integral part of the democratic system," he wrote. "Public confidence cannot possibly be maintained on the basis of things which are concealed."

The court said hiding information is justified only when state security, public interests or vital public interests are endangered. Shamir, a law professor who has been a reform leader, hailed the ruling as step towards overhauling the "corrupt system" of political horse-trading.

"A coalition agreement can't be signed any longer in sealed rooms without the public knowing how national interests are decided and taxpayers' money is distributed," he said.

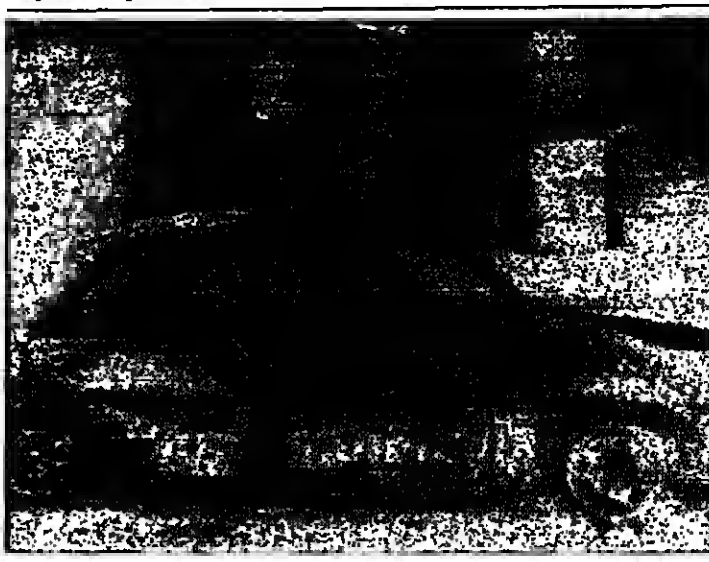
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accept a compromise proposal aimed at resolving differences over the peace process.

Labour leaders accepted the proposal but with amendments made by former defence minister Yitzhak Rabin, a possible challenger to Shimon Peres for the leadership of the Labour Party. Rabin deleted a proposal that the new government would decide within two months on the steps toward pushing the peace process further, Army Radio reported.



Symbol of war

Tony Spate, a 10-year-old Christian boy sits on the top of his father's burned car near his sandbagged building in Christian east Beirut yesterday. At least 22 people have been killed in overnight heavy clashes between Christian warlords vying for the control of the devastated Lebanese Christian enclave. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Shamir says, swap possible

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9. (AP) Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, speaking for the first time about a prisoner swap, said today Israel would not release any Arab detainees for Western hostages unless Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon were also freed.

Asked about growing US pressure on Israel to free detainees, Shamir said: "I don't think that anybody will ask Israel to participate in such an endeavour without having a possibility to release our own prisoners and missing soldiers."

The Israeli soldiers were captured in Lebanon in 1986 and are believed to be held by Hezbollah, a pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim militia in Lebanon.

Sixteen Westerners, including six Americans, are also held in Lebanon. When asked whether any progress had been made concerning the release of Israeli captives, Shamir said: "Unfortunately, not yet."

He spoke to reporters during a tour of a high-tech factory in occupied Jerusalem.

Israel's Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron, said no contacts were under way concerning a three-way swap involving Israel, the United States and the captors in Lebanon.

Shomron said in an interview broadcast today on Israeli radio that there had been no requests for prisoner releases and no practical proposals for a prisoner swap.

He also said any deal that does materialise would have to include the return of three Israeli soldiers captured by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim militiamen in Lebanon.

"When there is a readiness on the other side to return (Israeli) prisoners, we are prepared for an exchange. This (policy) has not changed," Shomron said.

"Today, there is nothing concrete where someone is talking to us about exchanges."

Interviewed last night at a reunion of hostages and soldiers from the 1975 Entebbe rescue mission, Shomron also noted that Israel had a military option to rescue hostages.

**Chad war spills into Sudan**

KHARTOUM, May 9. (AP) The military government said today it is trying with "intensive diplomatic contacts" to stop fighting in western Sudan between forces of Chad's government and rebels opposed to it.

The announcement marked the first time since Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir's government took power 10 months ago that it has admitted that warfare had spilled into the sprawling Darfur region from Sudan's neighbour to the west.

Khartoum has virtually no control over Darfur and the area along the Chad frontier. For years Chadian forces have used the area as a base of operations for attacks on government forces inside Chad.

"Sudan is exerting strenuous efforts to get the Chadian opposition forces back into Chad to facilitate the handling of the crisis," the Sudan News Agency quoted Maj. Gen. Al Tigani Adam Al Tahir as saying.

"Sudan is engaged in intensive diplomatic contacts to stop the fighting between the Chadian government and opposition forces in Darfur province," said Al Tahir, a member of the 15-officer junta in power since staging a military coup last June 30.

The general said the fighting between the Chadian factions had "inflicted heavy losses on the interests of the citizens of Darfur region."

## Runcie may meet Muslim leader

LONDON, May 9. (AP) Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie is seriously considering meeting with a leading British Muslim who claims that Terry Waite, missing in Lebanon for three years, is alive and well, a church official said last night.

Paul Handley, Runcie's press secretary, said the Anglican leader was considering a request for a meeting by Sayed Qudus, president of a Muslim group in the northern England city of Bradford.

Qudus said he was "told in 1987" recently that while Waite was well and in good spirits, he would only be released in exchange for author Salman Rushdie.

The writer is in hiding in Britain after an Iranian death sentence on his head for his novel "The Satanic Verses," alleged to blaspheme Islam.

Qudus said at his Bradford home, he held top-level talks with Iranian leaders who are believed to have insisted on the people who abducted Waite Jan. 20, 1987, when he was sent to Beirut by Runcie on a mission to try to negotiate the release of hostages.

"I have not seen Terry Waite myself but the news is confirmed. I cannot disclose everything, but I can say he is very lucky to be alive and well. He is perfectly safe and sound. I can say," Qudus said.

He added that he had been told that Waite's spirits "are also very high."

Qudus, a former joint secretary of the Council of Mosques in Bradford, was one of the first Muslims in Britain to burn publicly Rushdie's novel.

"The hostage issue and Salman Rushdie were on the top of my agenda. In all my talks they said they were very hopeful the hostages would be released," Qudus said without elaboration.

Meanwhile, Sunnie Mann, whose husband Jack vanished in Beirut a year ago, flew to London yesterday. "I think (the British government) could be doing a bit more to help the hostages, but I am not a politician. It is not my line," said Mrs. Mann, 78, at London's Heathrow airport.

She and her husband Jack, 75, have lived in west Beirut since 1946 and Mrs. Mann continues to reside in the apartment. Her husband, a former Royal Air Force fighter pilot, who was shot down six times in World War II, disappeared on May 12, 1989.

A group calling itself the Armed Struggle Cells claimed to have abducted him but no ransom demand was ever made.

Iran's charge d'affaires in Lebanon Mohammed Zamanian has said three Iranians seized by a Christian militia in 1982 were still alive.

Lebanese Forces militia leader Samir Geagea said last week his party was not holding the Iranians and had his first former L.F. leader Eike Hobeika responsible.

Former hostess Frank Reed is expected to remain hospitalised for another week but he is in good spirits sleeping well and starting to regain some of about 30 pounds (22 kilograms) he lost, according to a medical report, in Washington.

A Lebanese Muslim leader said today a Swiss Red Cross worker seized last October had been kidnapped for different reasons than other Western hostages in Lebanon.

## Cheney wants Nato to retain its nuclear first-strike option, even if US, Soviets reach parity in Europe

KANANASKIS VILLAGE, Canada, May 9. (UPI) Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said he wants Nato to retain its nuclear first-strike option, even if US-Soviet conventional forces reach parity in Europe.

"I would not want to give that up," Cheney told reporters yesterday aboard his flight to Canada on the eve of a Nato nuclear planning group meeting of defence ministers.

The 16-member alliance maintains what it calls a strategy of "flexible response" whereby Nato forces could

use nuclear weapons first to halt an attack by overwhelming Soviet conventional forces.

"I think the basic strategy ought to continue as it has in the past. The only question is, what kind of forces do we need to implement it. Forces are likely to be different... lower levels," said Cheney, one of the Bush administration's more conservative voices.

The semi-annual meeting of Nato's MPC, which includes 14 defence ministers of the 16-nation alliance, France and Iceland do not participate militarily, is being

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## US-Iran claims near settlement

WASHINGTON, May 9, (AP) — The United States and Iran have made substantial progress in negotiations and are now close to settling some 2,600 small claims against Iran filed by Americans after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the State Department said yesterday.

Department officials said the progress has been made over many months and has no connection to the recent release of two American hostages in Lebanon or to the fate of other US citizens who continue to be held there.

"A package settlement of small claims has been under discussion for some time, and differences have narrowed considerably, but we have not yet closed this matter," said Margaret Tutwiler, the department's chief spokeswoman.

Another department official, who commented on condition he not be identified by name, said: "We're close to a settlement now."

Ms Tutwiler noted that the meetings of US and Iranian legal experts have been held roughly once a month since last fall with another meeting set later this month. The United States is represented at the talks at the Hague in the Netherlands by Judge Abraham Sofaer, the State Department's chief legal adviser.

Ms Tutwiler was twice asked whether the progress in the talks represents a good faith gesture or signal from the Bush administration of an effort to improve relations and effect the release of all the hostages.

She did not respond directly but said: "The way that I answered it for you was to point out to you that this discussion of a package settlement has been under discussion for quite some time."

**Serious**  
The US official said the talks overall have been "fairly serious, fairly businesslike and devoid of references to the hostages."

On Friday, Ms Tutwiler said it is US policy that "we do not discuss hostages in this forum and we will not discuss hostages in this forum."

The talks centre on settling the claims of US corporations, individuals and the government, each for \$250,000 or less, for property seized, contracts voided and debts unpaid.

For both the United States and Iran, settling the claims would remove an irritant that has endured since the Islamic Revolution and the 1981 release of hostages held at the US Embassy in Tehran.

Under the 1981 Algiers Accord, which resolved the hostage crisis, the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal was established at the Hague to arbitrate claims between the two governments and their citizens.

So far, the tribunal has awarded more than \$1.3 billion to American claimants and about \$130 billion to Iranian claimants, according to the State Department.

The tribunal has also ordered the return of \$492 million in Iranian funds held in an Escrow account after bank claims against the money have been satisfied.

**Tehran calls for closer Chinese ties**

NICOSIA, May 9, (Reuters) — Iran and China called today for closer ties and Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said this would counter US "imperialist expansionism."

Tehran Radio said Rafsanjani told the Chinese National People's Congress chairman Wan Li that Iran had at one point feared that China's policies were ill-conceived.

"It was when the Americans and westerners had entered China and held hopes for upheavals inside China. Of course it seems now the danger has receded," Rafsanjani said, apparently referring to the hard line adopted by the Chinese leadership since suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators last June.

Wan defended China's handling of the unrest, denouncing Washington's "aggressive meddling over the affair."

## Jordan confirms Israeli firing

AMMAN, May 9, (AP) — A royal palace statement yesterday confirmed reports that an Israeli Navy boat in the Gulf of Aqaba fired into the pathway of King Hussein's yacht late last month while the monarch was standing on deck.

"This is not the first incident to occur in the Gulf involving the royal yacht, although it is the first to include firing in its immediate vicinity," the written statement said.

The palace said that the incident took place on April 27 and not as previously reported on April 28.

It said Jordan complained to Western countries over the incident and warned that "diplomatic action was taken to draw attention to its extreme seriousness, for it held all potential of developing into a most serious confrontation with untold results."

The statement described the incident as "both ominous and inexplicable."

The palace said the incident took place on Friday, April 27 at 4:00 pm (1300 GMT), when Hussein — accompanied by his 10-year-old son, Hamzah and his 7-year-old daughter, Iman — was planning

to go on a fishing trip. The spokesman said Hussein's US-built, 54-foot Bertram "Sports Fisherman" left the marina outside the royal residence in Aqaba and was escorted by a Betran 31 boat carrying Hussein's security officers.

Hussein owns a royal palace in Aqaba, about five kilometres (2 miles) west of the Israeli border, overlooking both the Jordanian Port of Aqaba and the Israeli resort city Eilat.

The Gulf of Aqaba is six nautical miles wide in its northern reaches. Egypt, Saudi

Arabia, Jordan and Israel all divide the northern waters.

The Palace said Hussein was heading towards Phairoh's Island in Egyptian territory, near the Egyptian resort of Taba. The statement said Hussein was standing on deck while the boat was still in Jordanian waters and noticed an Israeli naval boat approaching.

It added: "When about a quarter of a mile away, the Israeli boat commenced firing from its main guns in a southwesterly direction, where water spouts marked the fall of some of the shots."



**Commandos killed**

The bodies of commandos killed by Israeli troops in south Lebanon on Tuesday lie next to an armoured personnel carrier. Israeli officials did not immediately say

to which organisation the dead men belonged but suspected they intended to launch a cross-border raid into Israel. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Intifada full steam ahead

Enters 30th month: Arabs vow to carry on

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9, (Reuters) — The Palestinian uprising against Israel in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip entered its 30th month today, with Arabs saying it will carry on indefinitely.

A pamphlet from underground leaders declared a general strike for May 9 to mark 29 months since the revolt erupted.

An Israeli court jailed leading Palestinian activist Hassan Abed Rabo, 29, arrested last year with three other leaders of the Arab revolt.

At the time Israel said they were responsible for clandestine leaflets that spread orders for unrest among the 1.75 million Arabs under occupation.

## PLO urged to postpone entry

WHO membership

GENEVA, May 9, (Reuters) — European and moderate Arab countries called yesterday for postponement of an application by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for full membership of the World Health Organisation.

A draft resolution for discussion tomorrow at the annual world health assembly in Geneva asked the world body's Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima to "continue his studies on the application of Palestine."

Delegates said the draft amounted to a request for indefinite postponement of the PLO application for full membership of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The PLO currently has observer status at WHO meetings.

A similar request last year by the PLO, which is seeking international recognition for its self-declared state of Palestine, was postponed until this year following strong US opposition.

The United States, which provides over a quarter of the WHO's annual budget, made it clear again this year it would stop its contribution if the PLO bid was successful.

Senior US officials attending the two-week meeting said they wanted the issue shelved indefinitely.

The draft said its sponsors hoped the Palestinian people "would be fully represented within the World Health Organisation by the legitimate representatives."

It did not give a date for further consideration of the issue which has threatened to plunge the WHO into a crisis.

The draft's European sponsors were Austria, Finland, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Denmark, Greece, Italy and Portugal.

Other sponsors included moderate Arab nations such as Egypt, Morocco and Oman as well as Pakistan, New Zealand and Senegal.

The US State Department maintains the PLO is not entitled to full membership in any UN organisation because it does not meet internationally recognised criteria of statehood, including control of territory.

Earlier yesterday Nakajima appealed against politicisation of the health agency, in a thinly-veiled reference to the PLO's application.

"We should use political means to attain health objectives, but not health issues to serve political ends," the Japanese doctor told delegates attending the two-week meeting that opened Monday.

Although the assembly is due to discuss issues such as nutrition, poverty and health risks from hazardous wastes, the PLO application is top of the agenda. It is scheduled for consideration tomorrow.

But their capture did little to halt the flow of pamphlets. The latest, numbered 55, called for strike action.

"They were the leadership, but the leadership is a living changing thing," a Nablus activist said.

A military court yesterday jailed Abed Rabo for 42 months, saying that as a representative of the dominant Fatah organisation he was obviously senior to members of other groups captured with him.

Prosecuting Captain Yaron Levy said Abed Rabo helped draft leaflets 32 and 34 calling for Palestinians to use knives, stones and petrol bombs against Israelis.

Court sources said Abed Rabo denied inciting violence and said his role in the revolt was exaggerated. "I was only a small cog in the organisation," he told the court.

Levy named leading Palestinian publicist Sari Nusseibeh as briefing Abed Rabo and others before they wrote the leaflets.

Nusseibeh has repeatedly been named in Israeli courts as an organiser of the uprising but has so far been spared prosecution due to what Israeli officials describe as "extra-judicial considerations."

Palestinians say journalists and the outside world have wearied of daily confrontations between Arab protesters and Israeli troops, but the struggle goes on.

"The kids are still out there attacking the soldiers with stones, enforcing strikes, putting up (outlawed Palestinian) flags all over. But the journalists hardly ever come here so nobody knows about it except us," a Hebron doctor said.

Israelis have killed at least 647 Arabs since the uprising erupted on December 9, 1987. Palestinians have killed 201 fellow-Arabs suspected of aiding Israel and 44 Jews have died in the unrest.

Journalists on a visit to the West Bank town of Ramallah last week saw little evidence to back Israeli statements that the uprising was running out of steam.

Roads in the centre were impassable, barricaded by Palestinians with rocks, burning tyres and rubbish bins. Shops were closed in a strike ordered by the revolt's leaders.

He said the total number of refugees had now fallen below 30,000. The ministry last week said a UN-sponsored plan to build homes in central Turkey for 13,000 refugees living in tents in southeastern Diyarbakir province had been scrapped after protests from local residents.

Bath owner Hammami, invoking tradition, supports this view: "The bath was tied to religious and social duties — for cleansing and to prepare for worship."

Hammami, a young-looking 54, said he took a bath every day. "It's very good for the circulation."

In the next room, the claim of refreshing power is not immediately apparent. At 60 degrees centigrade (140

## Israel strikes back at critics

UNITED NATIONS, May 9, (AP) — Israel, angered by UN accusations that it violates the human rights of Palestinians, is striking back and publishing US State Department reports on rights violations by its Arab neighbours and other critics.

The purpose of pointing out the human rights records of Israel's adversaries, Middle East diplomats said, is to highlight the hypocrisy of those who denounce Israel's treatment of Palestinians while reportedly oppressing their own people.

But Arab and other envoys said Israel merely is seeking to deflect attention from its own abuses of Palestinians, which they say violates international law, and to "derail" criticism of Israel.

**Circulate**  
In the past month, Israel has asked the General Assembly and Security Council to circulate copies of the 1989 US State Department report on human rights practices in 10 countries. More circulated reports are planned.

The reports to date cover Burkina Faso, Cuba, Iraq, Laos, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Pakistan, Senegal and Syria. All are members of the UN committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, which has 23 regular members and 23 observers.

The committee members regularly criticise Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories, seized by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

Earlier this year, the committee, which is headed by Senegal, requested that the official US State Department report on the human rights situation in the occupied territories be circulated to the General Assembly and Security Council.

"The purpose of issuing these reports is to demonstrate that there is no singling out Israel when so many violations are committed in other countries," said Tally Ben-Tsevi, information officer of the Israeli mission.

"There are many more countries that are cited for many more serious human rights violations in the report," she said.

Israel hopes that next year, she said, the committee on Palestinian rights will not publish the Israeli portion of the US report.

**Indignant**

Arab and other envoys were indignant that Israel pointed to their own shortcomings. They argued that the internal human rights problems are the business of the nation concerned, but Israel is an occupying power violating human rights outside its own territory.

Zadhi Labib Terzi, observer of Palestine, said on May 1, that the committee's decision to circulate the US report reflected "the question of an occupying power, rather than domestic questions."

He told the committee that Israel's response in publishing human rights violations in other countries was "a campaign of slander against this committee."

Terzi added, "the crimes being committed by Israel against the Palestinian people were much greater than those being committed by other countries."

## Ex-hostages recall ordeal

Entebbe reunions

TEL AVIV, May 9, (AP) — Shai Gross vividly recalls those terrifying moments as a six-year-old hostage, crouching beneath his mother's dress to hide from armed hijackers who commandeered an Air France jetliner to Africa.

A week later, Gross and his parents were among the 102 passengers rescued in a legendary Israeli commando raid at Entebbe airport, Uganda, on July 4, 1976. Three hostages and an Israeli soldier were killed in the raid.

His story is one of the dramatic accounts told last night at a reunion of the more than 100 soldiers and former hostages involved in Israel's bold rescue of the civilian captives.

The gathering at a seaside hotel was called to launch a college scholarship fundraising drive in memory of Lt Col Yonatan Netanyahu, the mission commander killed at age 30 in the raid.

"I couldn't even cry," said Gross, 20, now an air force technician, referring to his memories of the eight days he spent at gunpoint. "I didn't know what struck me. I had never before seen a grenade or a gun."

Yitzhak Rabin, who was then prime minister, compared the Entebbe crisis to current efforts to free captives in Lebanon.

"My policy has been that when you have a hostage situation, soldiers or civilians, if there's a military option, you use it. If not, then enter an exchange deal. For that you have to have the cards," Rabin said.

Despite US pressure on Israel to free Arab prisoners for hostages, Israel has conditioned any deal on the release of three Israeli soldiers believed held captive by pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon.

Rabin said planning and executing the Entebbe rescue mission was a nerve-wracking affair.

"I suffered more than a few stomachaches over that decision. So many options were proposed and ruled out," he said. In the raid, Israeli aircraft flew 2,400 miles (3,860 kilometres) to rescue the hostages and engaged Ugandan troops in battle.

The hijacked Air France flight, carrying 244 passengers and 12 crew, had originated in Tel Aviv. It was commandeered by three terrorists after a stopover in Athens on June 27, 1976. The Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the hijacking.

The aircraft was first taken to Benghazi, Libya and then flown to Entebbe. Non-Israeli passengers were freed and hijackers demanded the release of Arab prisoners in exchange for the rest. Gross remembers that within minutes of commandeering the plane, the hijackers, a German woman and two Arabs, took children to the front of the plane.

He recalled his fear at the thought of separation. "What would they do to me," he said. "My mother took me right away and hid me beneath her dress, under the seat. I sat there 2 1/2 hours, petrified."

He said the rescue was also frightening since hostages were unaware at first that the shooting they suddenly heard in the terminal — to which they had been taken from the airplane — was by Israeli soldiers.

## US aid bill for Israel growing

No change likely

WASHINGTON, May 9, (AP) — With its economy in dire straits, Israel came to the United States in 1982 for a favour: Would it pay the full year's \$910 million in economic aid and all at once, instead of the usual quarterly instalments?

The US government said yes. Eight years later, the Israeli economy is in better shape, but the unique treatment for Israel's foreign aid remains a part of US law.

Not only does Israel still get its aid money up front each year, but since it doesn't need it immediately, it uses the money to buy US treasury bonds — loaning the United States its own cash and earning an additional \$76 million in interest.

The cost to taxpayers doesn't stop there. To make the immediate payment to Israel each year, the US State must borrow the funds, at an additional interest cost of up to \$70 million.

US law is suffused with such special treatment for its Middle Eastern ally, with a value this year of \$742 million, on top of \$3 billion in cash foreign aid. And the list of special provisions is likely to grow this week when lawmakers deal with a bill containing \$400 million in loan guarantees to build housing for Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel.

The Senate's version of the bill would waive some \$25 million in administrative fees, along with the usual requirements on eligibility for the housing and auditing of the money. A competing house version is silent on the concessions, and conferees are scheduled to meet to work out the differences.

Dozens of provisions already in the law confer special status to Israel in business and financial dealings, trade, military co-operation and global politics. And like the advance aid payments, many remain in effect even though they have outlived their original justifications.

Supporters of Israel note its strategic position in the unstable Middle East, its valuable sharing of intelligence information about the region and about global terrorism, and shared political and religious values between the two countries.

Much of the aid also is portrayed as a reward for the 1979 Camp David peace accord with Egypt, in which Israel gave up large tracts of land and access to oil wells, or as a bulwark against threatening Arab neighbours. But a few members of Congress are beginning to raise questions about the aid, particularly in light of new competing demands for scarce aid dollars from emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and Latin America.

"In the long run, I do not think the present high levels of aid are good for Israel or good for the United States," said Congressman Lee Hamilton, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East.

"It should not be looked on as an entitlement programme," said Hamilton, who has sought to change the foreign aid law to eliminate special-interest provisions dealing not only with Israel, but with other recipients as well.

Along with the rise in competition for aid dollars, Israel's popularity has been strained. Many in the United States, including some in the administration of President George Bush, resent Israel's harsh tactics in quelling the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The administration is also frustrated by the increasing hard line of Israel's Likud government and its unwillingness to start talks on Palestinian self rule.

But despite the new atmosphere, the aid to Israel remains secure. That was demonstrated by a test vote last week in the house, when a resolution affirming occupied Jerusalem as the capital of Israel passed 378 to 34. "You are not going to see anybody in Congress suggest that the Middle East get less money than the administration asked for," said Congressman David Obey, chairman of the Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee.

"Nobody is going to take onto their own shoulders the responsibility for blowing up what is already a highly volatile situation," he said.

One of Israel's staunchest supporters, Rep. Larry Smith, said there has been a subtle shift in the past decade toward increased Israeli security that marginally affects the need for US help. "But put yourself in the skin of the Israelis. To them, not a lot has changed," he said. "And it's compounded by the paranoia of a very imperfect, non-functioning political system."

To make any fundamental change in aid now would not only worsen Israel's internal situation but would "send the worst signal of all" to neighbouring Arab states which are privately beginning to accept Israel's right to exist, Smith said.

Israel's preferred status dates to President Harry S. Truman's recognition of the newly formed state on May 14, 1948. Since then, the United States has paid out \$45.8 billion in direct aid, making it the top recipient in the world of American money.

That figure does not include the hundreds of millions of dollars Israel receives in indirect help from the United States, such as the advance aid payment provision or the likely waiver of housing loan guarantee fees.

## Attempt to revive ancient Syrian steam baths

DAMASCUS, May 9, (Reuters) — Near the Biblical street called "Straight" in old Damascus, a narrow, ornate door opens onto a richly furnished room.

Soaring columns support a central cupola. A fountain gently plays. The perspiration running down the faces of the men jars strangely with the cool atmosphere.

This is the "barrani", the outside room of the oldest steam baths in Syria, which leads to moist marble halls where muscled masseurs bring grunts from perspiring clients.

"I am trying to revive the tradition of using the bath as a social centre," owner Mufas Hammami told Reuters.

"My ancestors all worked as bathers, and my family has had these baths for 80 years except for a break during the (1968) revolution when the government nationalised the baths. They returned them in 1979," he said. His family

name, Hammami, means bather in Arabic.

Family tradition runs to the workers too. In the room immediately down the narrow, marble-flagged corridor from the barrani, Adnan Haj Ahmed, 31, squats in the billowing steam and follows the trade of his father.

Clad only in white underpants, Ahmed works from 3 pm to midnight, apparently oblivious to temperatures of 40 to 45 degrees centigrade (104 to 113 Fahrenheit).

"My father used to do this work. I inherited his job and have been here since 1980," he said, vigorously rubbing with the rough horse-hair glove on his right hand the soaped, tingling skin of Youssef Mobammed.

This is called "abrasive cleaning" — an extra 10 Syrian pounds (one US dollar at the tourist airport rate, or 50 cents at the bank), on top of the 40 Syrian pounds for the

oriental bath.

Mohammed grunts, as well he might, at the double-buffed hlow signalling he should turn over for a bit of abrasion on the back.

Stretched on the marble floor awash with soapy water, Mohammed asserts: "Steam is very good for refreshing the body and the soul."

Bath owner Hammami, invoking tradition, supports this view: "The bath was tied to religious and social duties — for cleansing and to prepare for worship."

Hammami, a young-looking 54, said he took a bath every day. "It's very good for the circulation."

In the next room, the claim of refreshing power is not immediately apparent. At 60 degrees centigrade (140

Fahrenheit) the steam permeates the body, filling it with perspiration.

But the cool waters scooped over the body by reclining customers, from low, ornate marble basins in alcoves round the steaming room, attest to well-being born of apparent suffering.

According to the New Testament, the nearby street called Straight was where St Paul recuperated from the temporary blindness that accompanied his dramatic conversion to Christianity on the road to Damascus.

The baths, in the spice market, were built 700 years ago by Sultan Nouraddin, fired by wood, for the pleasure of travellers staying in nearby Caravanserais. Today the cauldrons of steam are heated by electricity.



# Virus attacks this year's cucumber crop

## No conclusive evidence of cause

A VIRUS similar in kind to the one that attacked tomato crops last year, has this year afflicted cucumbers, a local daily reported.

Khalil Mahmoud, owner of one of the affected farms situated in Al Wafra area told a local

daily that his farms which have been provided with the latest agricultural technology including airconditioning systems and automatic irrigation systems have not been spared. The virus which attacked his crop of cucumbers caused them to

shrive in size and their colour instead of the normal green turned yellow.

### Quality

He added that he had purchased top-quality seeds which

have been used in Kuwait for several years and have proved their quality. However, he said, he believed that the cause of the virus lay in the particular type of insecticides sprayed in the agricultural process.

He said that on his own

initiative he had consulted with experts from Germany and Hungary to determine the cause and type of the virus. Unfortunately, he added till the present time that have yet to come up with any conclusive evidence or recommendations.

## Saudis reject sheep

ABU DHABI, May 9. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has rejected a shipment of 55,000 Australian sheep on the grounds they were too old, livestock traders in the Gulf said today.

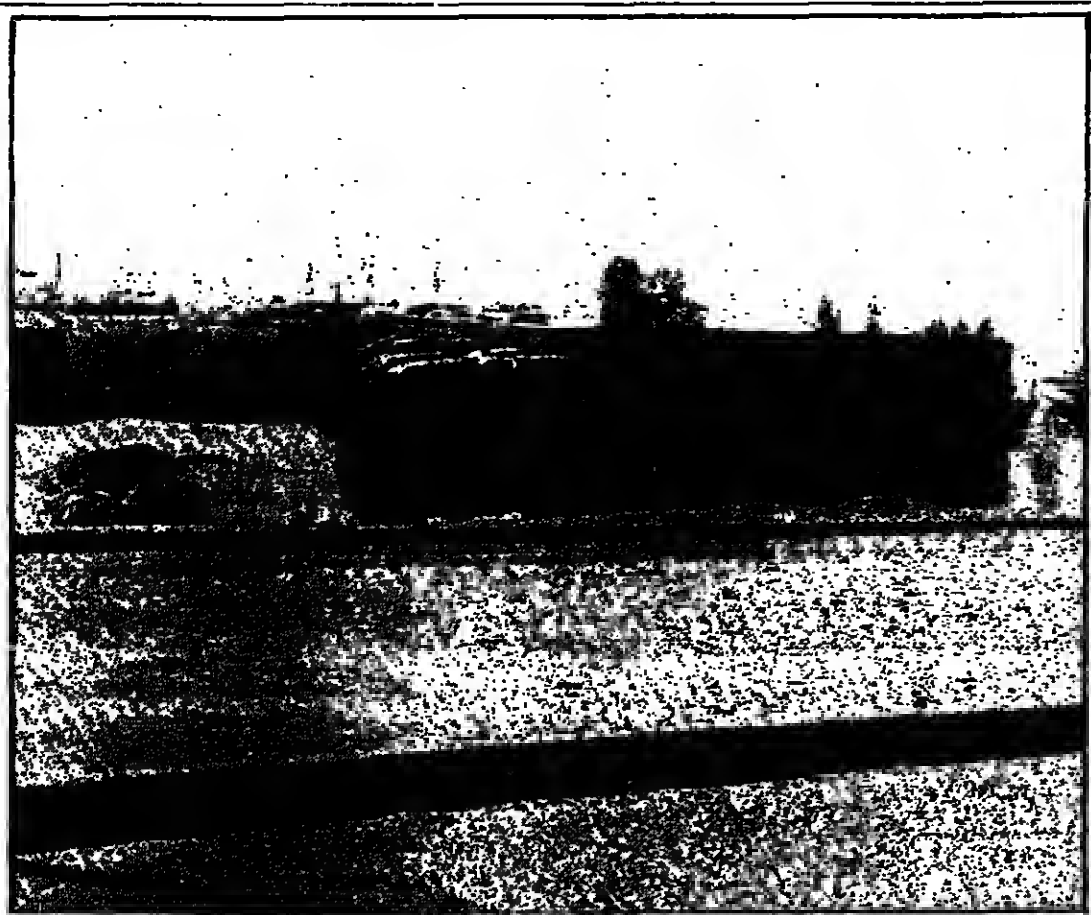
Saudi Arabia does not accept sheep that are more than three years old, they said.

Last year the kingdom rejected shipments of more than 400,000 Australian sheep, claiming they were infected. The Saudi action led to a suspension of Australian shipments of live sheep to the Gulf for four months.

Shipments resumed in December and Australian industry sources said then they would no longer use the Gulf as a dumping ground for old sheep, a by-product of their wool industry.

Industry sources said this was the third load of Australian sheep Saudi Arabia had rejected since the shipments resumed.

Livestock traders in the Gulf said over-age sheep rejected by the Saudis had arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) port of Ras Al Khaimah on Tuesday.



Trailer mess

This trailer hit a vanette while travelling at top speed on the Fifth Ring Road Tuesday. The trailer turned on its side spilling its cargo of sand while the vanette was thrashed. Both drivers suffered minor injuries.

## Kuwait aid to Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 9. (Kuna): Hundreds of tons of relief aid supplies donated by Kuwait to war-torn Lebanon today arrived in the Lebanese Al-Masnaa checkpoint, on the Lebanese Syrian borders.

Kuna learnt that the representative of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, who is supervising the delivery of the aid, Sheikh Mubarak Faisal Saud Al Sabah and Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Jassam have accompanied the convoy of trucks carrying the aid to Lebanon.

Forty trucks carrying some 800 tons of foodstuffs and medical supplies are carrying the Kuwaiti assistance, in the second batch of Kuwaiti aid to Lebanon in less than a month.

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## Rearing children

## Nurseries to aid career women planned: Hassan

THE Kuwaiti Society for Arab Childhood progress will undertake a study on the establishment of a non-profitable private institution that seeks to build and run kindergartens for children of working women in Kuwait, the chairman of the society and former education minister Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim said.

The project will reduce dependence on non-qualified maids and baby-sitters in houses. The official said and added that the idea of the project was born when he was on a visit to Japan. The Japanese people give special concern to kindergartens and primary stage to insure secured and distinct future for their children. All Japanese children join kindergartens as compared to only 20 per cent of children in Kuwait and one per cent in the Arab countries, the chairman said.

This project is intended to help the government in bearing costs of education in kindergartens, the official said and added that the proposed institution can get contribution from charity societies and Zakat House, including education, social affairs and health ministries. The Health Ministry is in charge of kindergartens in Japan, he said.

### Nominee

Commenting on being nominated as member of Trustee Council of Faculty of Namora for advanced administrative studies in Japan, Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim said a former Brazilian minister and dean of business administration faculty at Harvard University in USA are also members in the council. He added that the faculty was established in 1980 by Namora company which is one of the leading Japanese companies specialised in banks and shares. The faculty was established to train staff of the country and employees of other companies, he said.

Meanwhile the ex-assistant undersecretary at Kuwait's Ministry of Justice, Mansour Al Bualjan said that Kuwait still needs to exert more efforts to provide sufficient care to the development of children on the home-front, schools, playgrounds and other facilities.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that eradication of drugs is a patriotic duty and added that programmes in different areas could not realise their objectives unless the drug menace is drastically contained and in this respect, the official commented that he is totally in favour of capital punishment being meted out to drug dealers.

He went on to state that the Kuwaiti community suffers from several problems that entail the need to conduct field studies to redress these problems, particularly the issue of divorce and its ramifications on children, the ex-official said.

Speaking of the juvenile care house, Bujain said that the relevant psychological and educational studies had determined that the main features of character building could be defined during the formative childhood stage. He commented that paying paramount importance to children's educational care is essential to building their personalities and their capability to adopt to social changes. As an overview, he said that all civilised countries of the world are keen to set up necessary health and psychological care units in addition to modern educational institutions and allocate large budgets to achieve these aims.

Meanwhile, the official called for periodically reviewing laws, as they are tailored to organise social relations and each law should reflect the principles of the relative social system.

## KU committee

## Internal charter may be amended

THE steering committee set up by the university to amend the academic courses, held nine meetings in this context, the last of which was held last Saturday, the dean of students of Kuwait University, Dr Abdulla Al Fihaid said.

The committee is headed by the dean of admission and registration and includes representatives of different faculties and students union. The committee decided to amend some articles of the charter and also reached a consensus to have a preparatory year to qualify students to join different faculties or majors.

### Proposal

The proposal of the preparatory year was welcomed and supported by different faculties, he said and added that the administration intends to apply it as from September 1991.

Fihaid said that the preparatory year will solve the present problems relating to warnings and registration and other bottlenecks and commented that the second memo relates to amendments on the academic charter.

He said that these amendments will be reviewed by the deans committee prior to being sent for approval to the council of the university and the steering committee has recommended offering a unified timetable to newcomers in the first session to avoid negative aspects of registration that usually are encountered by newcomers.

### Standards

He added that according to amendments on the charter, the students who fail to keep standards in the second session after applying the system of the preparatory year will be dismissed from the university. But these proposals and amendments are still being reviewed and studied by the relevant authorities in the university. He added that this system is applied in most US universities. Erring students are liable to be dismissed after one year of joining university which is a sufficient period to judge their abilities. These students can join institutes or government establishments. But this amendment was not accepted by the higher administration of the university, he said.

Commenting on meetings with the students union, Fihaid pointed out that the steering committee adopted many proposals passed by the union to amend the articles of the charter. However, he said that administration of university cannot accept all demands and proposals of students.

# Barges strongly condemns Iraq smear campaign

## Hostile face of West

BAGHDAD, May 9. (Kuna): President of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) Barges Hmoud Al Barges has strongly condemned the fierce campaign by the West against Iraq and urged the Arab countries to stand by Iraq.

In a message to the Arab Popular Conference for Solidarity with Iraq, currently in session here, Barges noted that this campaign has shown that the Western circles would resort to all means to find justification for striking at this Arab country.

"This fierce campaign had unveiled the West's hostile face to the Arab nation, its aspirations and national causes," Barges said in his message, published by the Iraq News Agency, INA.

### Blockade

Barges stressed that "Iraq's steadfastness and victory in the Gulf war has annoyed the colonial countries which hoped its defeat to be able to return again to the Arab area and steal its wealth and govern the Arab

nation's economy, population and natural resources."

He said the Western countries, blocking the export of high technology to the Arab world, are pleased in seeing the Arab people defeated and underdeveloped to be only a consumer of bad industrial production.

### Indignation

The goals and aims of the Western campaign against Iraq have become disclosed, he stressed noting that the hostile circles in co-ordination with the Zionist intelligence have used all capabilities to track down a number of pipes through Europe to block them from reaching Iraq alleging that they will be used in manufacturing a giant cannon that threatens Israel.

Barges expressed astonishment over the Western countries' hypocrisy in claiming the support of world peace on the Arabs' account, while piling destructive weapons and daily providing Israeli military arsenal with air-

craft and missiles "knowing that Tel Aviv sleeps on a huge nuclear storage capable of demolishing the Arab world."

Barges expressed indignation of Tel Aviv-London-Washington's propaganda and attempts to intervene in Iraq's internal affairs and questioned the right of the Arabs to resist the perils of extinction posed by the Zionists. Iraq has restored part of the usurped dignity of the Arabs after succeeding in manufacturing a deterrent weapon instead of begging preventive masks of the Israeli atomic bombs from the West.

He added it is time for the hostile campaign to stop because its continuity will encourage the Zionist entity to launch a new attack against Iraq after preparing the atmospheres and Western public opinion.

Barges expressed hope that Arab countries would overcome disputes and shoulder responsibilities and undertake practical measures to side by Iraq.

# Warm welcome for Zayed in Beijing

BEIJING, May 9. (Kuna): Chinese President Yang Shangkun met here yesterday afternoon with Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), who is here on a five-day official goodwill visit.

The Xinhua news agency reported that during the meeting, Yang extended a warm welcome to Zayed and his party, wishing his visit a success. "I hope leaders of our two countries will exchange frequent visits in the future," Yang said.

Zayed said his current visit will serve as "a firm basis for further developing the friendly relations between our two countries."

"I believe," Zayed said, "such friendly relations are in the interests of the two peoples and I hope this friendship will last forever."

The two presidents expressed their shared wish that countries of the world will live together and co-operate with each other as friends, so that people can have a better life in a peaceful, stable environment.

# Backfill site in Sulaibiya

THE chairman of wastes backfill department at Kuwait Municipality Khalifah Al Tomayan was quoted as saying that the removal process of remains of construction materials at Al Qurain Housing Project have recently commenced.

In an interview with the daily Al Sayassah, the official said that a specific place for backfilling of such materials has been devoted at Al Sulaibiya area near the Seventh Ring Road. The capacity is estimated at 50,000 cubic metres.



UK envoy received

The Director-General of Kuwait's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Abdullah Al Ahmed Al Sabah received at his office recently the Ambassador of United Kingdom to Kuwait, Michael Weston on the occasion of his appointment as new ambassador of UK to Kuwait.

Talks between the official and the envoy dealt with air transport between UK and Kuwait.

# Bull-fighting arenas to be built in Oman

MUSCAT, May 9. (AP): A string of bull-fighting arenas will be built along Oman's northern Batinah coast to encourage traditional sports in the sultanate, government officials said yesterday.

The first is presently under construction at Al Mirasi in the Barka region, 90 kilometres (56 miles) from Muscat, at a cost of 25,000 riyals (\$64,500), according to estimates.

Another will be at Sohar, 230 kilometres (144 miles) northwest of Muscat. The Batinah coast is a plain stretching 270 kilometres (169 miles) west of the capital.

Barka is famous for its desert bull-fighting tradition and crowds of hundreds turn up to watch the spectacle at weekends and on public holidays.

### Difference

Omani bullfighting differs from the traditions of the Spanish Corrida. It is not a blood sport and the bulls live to fight another day. The bulls do all the fighting, no humans participate. A referee selects a pair of animals from among the scores of bulls brought to the bull-ring by Batinah farmers and the two are pitted against each other across a sandy arena with no barriers.

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## New code for hiring pharmacists: Razzaq

As to the regulations governing pharmaceutical technicians and the training field programme, the minister said that the specialist must have

completed a two-year study course after graduation from secondary school at a well-recognised institute and have three years of practical experience, two of which in the field of treatment, and pass the tests carried out by

■ KUWAIT CITY CID personnel arrested a Saudi worker charged with smuggling and trading in liquor. The arrest was made after ten-day surveillance and the suspect was caught in the act of selling liquor. When questioned the accused said that he brought the liquor by land through the help of two persons using a supermaw van registered in the name of a third. A subsequent search of his residence led to the recovery of an automatic machine gun with four magazines of bullets and 31 cartons of liquor.

# Lady-led narcotics gang arrested

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## ARAB TIMES

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THE secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do. — Sir James Barrie, author.

## OPINION

## Cairo's open policy hailed

THE Egyptian president's May Day address is evidence that he is not only a renowned politician, but well-versed with economic issues.

He did not promise a highly prosperous and imaginary future by announcing unfounded projects, but directly told his people about the economic conditions of the country. He explained the budget and candidly said that he would stop government subsidies. This was not done by decree, but by way of explaining the bare facts.

He said: "Subsidies go the wrong way — they go to those who do not need it," and added: "subsidies sometimes go as fodder to the animals of the 'have' and do not reach the 'have nots' for whom the subsidies were primarily intended."

He commented that he inherited a troubled economy as a direct result of politicians "toying" with the welfare of the people of Egypt.

It is said that the most risky economic issues are those run by politicians, particularly if they construe them through a political context. Since 1952, Egypt witnessed political leaders who continued to play with the economic issues to serve their political ends. They allowed politics to guide the economy, although in numerous instances, they were contradictory.

Taking a pragmatic and open stand, President Mubarak announced the cancellation of subsidies and further announced the intention of the government to sell the public sector which the state was unable to run in a proper manner. His clear explanations to his people as to the reasons for these decisions enamoured him to them and avoided any revolt — in spite of some negative propaganda by some miscreants.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Devils exorcised  
Demons remain  
for South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, (Reuters): President F. W. de Klerk served tea to Nelson Mandela, the black leader many white South Africans would have preferred to serve a lifetime in jail.

Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, the main apologist for past harsh white governments, swapped quips with Thabo Mbeki, long exiled spokesman for an oppressed black majority.

But away from the convivial atmosphere of historic talks between the white government and the African National Congress (ANC) in Cape Town's stately Groote Schuur government mansion last week, there was a brief but rude intrusion of life at the grassroots in South Africa.

White police with clubs smashed a peaceful demonstration by a small group of blacks on the doorstep of a hotel where Mbeki was addressing several hundred awed white South Africans, most of whom had never seen or heard his like before, or the need for fundamental change by whites steeped in apartheid.

The triumph of the first talks between white and black leaders, whose predecessors warred for 80 years across a yawning racial divide, was that they all discovered they were not devils. "Everyone was astounded... no one had horns," said Mbeki.

Buoyed by the discovery and a remarkably trustful relationship established by their leaders — reformist President de Klerk and Mandela, the man he freed from 27 years in jail — the negotiating teams achieved significant success in their aim of clearing obstacles to full-scale talks on a non-racial democratic constitution.

They committed themselves to a negotiated settlement and set up a plan that could lead to black political prisoners being freed and exiles allowed to return home, the state of emergency being at least partially lifted and the ANC's armed struggle being suspended.

Some analysts and diplomats argue that the agreements, and the spirit of co-operation behind them, in effect mean that a rudimentary coalition has been formed between the ruling National Party and the main black opposition.

They are setting up joint working groups and a hotline over which to consult regularly as South Africa gropes toward the post-apartheid future. Mandela can call de Klerk at any time.

Sources close to the talks say there was a measure of real agreement, which they declined to specify, on security and other issues that went well beyond the public programme framed in the "Groote Schuur minute".

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1559 — Selim and Bayazid, sons of Sultan Suleimao I of Turkey, fight for future succession at Konia in Asia Minor. The defeated Bayazid and his supporters flee to Persia, where Bayazid is slain.

1796 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Austrians at Lodi in Italy campaign.

1857 — Sepoys revolt at Meerut, starting Indian mutiny against British rule.

1871 — Treaty of Frankfurt ends Franco-Prussian war. France cedes Alsace-Lorraine to Germany.

1875 — Religious orders are abolished in Russia.

1933 — Paraguay declares war on Bolivia.

1940 — Britain's prime minister Neville Chamberlain resigns in World War II, and Winston Churchill forms government; Germany invades Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium.

1957 — Soviets appeal to United States and Britain to halt nuclear tests.

1967 — US jet planes bomb power plants in North Vietnam's port of Haiphong for first time in Vietnam war.

1971 — Former Nazi Rudolf Hess finishes 30 years imprisonment, and Soviets insist he serve full life sentence in Berlin's Spandau prison.

1972 — South Vietnam's president Nguyen van Thieu declares state of martial law.

1976 — Israel announces plans to establish numerous additional settlements in occupied Arab territory.

1987 — Beirut (Lebanon) international airport reopens after 99-day shutdown.

1988 — United States vetoes UN Security Council resolution condemning Israel's "invasion" of southern Lebanon.

1989 — Jordan's King Hussein indicates that some detainees from wave of rioting would soon be freed.

## INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

## Sovereignty wanted on summit agenda

## Baltics to present their case

WASHINGTON: The three Baltic countries, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, are planning to present their case for independence from the Soviet Union to the summit meeting between President George Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev in Washington May 30. And they hope that by approaching both at this occasion they will succeed in making certain that their case will be on the agenda, that it will be discussed and force the Soviet leader to come to grips with it.

One of the basic differences between the interpretations of the legal situations is that the Baltic countries insist that they are under Soviet occupation that it is therefore not a matter of gaining independence. The Soviets on the other hand, say that they are part of the Soviet Union and that it is therefore a question as to whether they can be given independence. It is hard to see how the two sides can reach a compromise on such a basic legal difference of view. It gets even more complicated when the Soviets insist that whatever negotiations will take place, will be based on Soviet law and the Baltics counter by saying that they will not accept having to follow foreign laws.

## Initiative

So far it has been Lithuania, which took the initiative in seeking to establish its independence, Latvia and Estonia, though in agreement with Lithuania on independence, have not tried to pass laws to re-establish that independence. There is some feeling among Latvians and Estonians that the Lithuanians may have acted too precipitously, especially as regards passing various laws in their Parliament to establish their independent status. But in principle their aims are the same and it is for that reason that they are now trying to co-ordinate their efforts to achieve independence from the Soviet Union.

The three Baltic countries, according to Washington sources, plan to insist that if a referendum is carried out, as Gorbachev has suggested, the basic question must not be whether they want to be independent, because they consider themselves still independent, though under occupation. They want to insist that the question to be asked in the referendum has to be: do you want to join the Soviet Union or not. I cannot see how Gorbachev could ever agree to this sort of phrasing. Nor is it likely that the Baltics would accept a question, such as: Do we want to secede from the Soviet Union. For in order to obtain a vote in favour of the Baltics would have to win by a two-third majority which would be hard to obtain, certainly in Latvia where 50 per cent of the population are Russians or in Estonia where 39 per cent are Russian.

Where the Lithuanians have miscalculated is in expecting strong American support in their drive for independence. But whether it is in Congress or among Americans generally, the stakes involved in American-Soviet relations are rated much higher for the United States, for the world and for peace, than the independence of the Baltic countries. In western Europe these stakes are rated even higher than here. That does not mean that Bush will not press for active negotiations between the Soviet Union and the three Baltic nations.

Gorbachev's decision not to proceed with the drastic economic reforms his closest economic advisers

had advocated are seen here as an indication of his political weakness and his concern that these reforms could lead to fearfully damaging strikes, even civil war and to his fall. His economic advisers were in full agreement that far-reaching reforms were essential in order to improve not only the living conditions of the ordinary Soviet citizens, but also to make Soviet industry competitive with the rest of the world. They were quite candid in saying, even to foreigners, that Gorbachev waited too long and that unless he acted very soon, things would get even worse.

I am told that Gorbachev now hopes that the massive savings in defence will, at least for the time being, provide the funds the manpower to improve the economic situation, and do it gradually. He apparently also hopes that with military production cut, more goods will become available for civilian use and for exports. And since his advisers are well aware that Soviet manufactured goods cannot compete on the world markets for quality, the plan is to follow the early strategy that worked so well for Taiwan and South Korea when the two relied on cheap labour and low prices to sell their manufactured goods.

An interesting contrast has developed between Soviet and Polish public opinion. On the basis of public speeches by labour union leaders, members of the Soviet Parliament and newspaper commentators, the Soviet people rather live with the current shortages of food and manufactured goods than face the threat of unemployment and cuts in social security support. The poles, at least for the time being, seem to be willing to take these risks — unemployment is already spreading — in the hope that they can look forward to a brighter future.

## Closer

I am told on good authority that the Bush administration is so much closer touch with the Soviet leadership than is generally known and that Bush therefore has a better appreciation of what is at stake for Gorbachev. It would have been hard to believe, even three months ago, that an American administration would have an interest in preserving a specific Soviet leader in power. What the United States can do is of course very limited, but at least Bush does not want to contribute to his difficulties. It is for this reason, that he wanted to make certain that the summit meeting at the end of May takes place, that certain arms control agreements make more rapid progress and that the crisis with Lithuania does not upset these aims. Bush has shown himself very adept in dealing with this delicate situation. He has bipartisan support in Congress for his policy and, above all, among American public opinion. His critics have failed to rally public opinion against him.

The more detached attitude of the Bush administration toward Israel also seems to have fairly broad approval. Partly, this is due to the long-drawn political deadlock that has made it impossible to achieve any progress with the so-called American peace initiative, partly to unpopular moves by members of the Israeli government, such as the occupation of St John's Hospital in the old part of occupied Jerusalem by Jewish settlers. It may well mean that the additional aid of \$400 million the Israeli government asked for will run into trouble in Congress.

The Bush administration altogether seems to be anxious to throw oil on agitated waters. That applies to the conflicts over trade with Japan in particular. In the last month or so the trade war debate between Washington and Tokyo assumed such bitterness at both ends, that members of the Bush administration and the business community began to wonder where it would end and whether it would seriously hurt a relationship that has been tenuous at best. Still, it came as a surprise when Carla A. Hills, the US trade representative told Congress that Japan had made some major concessions and that further tightening of the trade law would impede further progress. Public opinion has grown increasingly anti-Japanese, but with so much at stake for the United States in Asia, especially from a security viewpoint, the administration decided not to push anti-Japanese sentiment to a point where it would impede future co-operation in other than the field of trade.

## Hostages

Bush has signalled to Iran, Iraq and Syria that he would prefer to pursue a more constructive policy toward these two countries if only those hostages were released. Iran, in particular, is anxious to obtain the release of its funds that are held in escrow here, since the Soviets are unlikely to give it the financial support it has been getting in the more recent past.

The most recent US efforts to improve relations with Iraq came as a surprise and were widely criticised, especially in view of the discoveries that it was engaged in major efforts to acquire long-range artillery guns and medium-range missiles.

What is obvious from these US policies is that Bush, unlike Reagan, is not seeking confrontations but is trying to reduce conflicts and promote negotiations. And by creating this overall impression he is reducing the chances of his critics to make an impact. He has already proved it in dealing with the attempt by the Lithuanian leadership to use the United States to advance its own immediate aims with the Soviets.

Inevitably Bush will be accused of not being a strong leader, but one seeking accommodations. But there is little doubt that he has the majority of American public opinion on his side. He has been slow in ordering cuts in the defence budget, but he did not want to undermine the American position in the arms control negotiations with the Soviets. Nor does he want the European allies to cut their forces too drastically. From an economic and political viewpoint, it would also hurt him if major defence cuts would lead to sudden harmful unemployment and an economic recession. Although many economic experts have been predicting a recession for this year, there is now a growing belief that this is unlikely to happen. The view is spreading that the economy in 1990 will remain relatively flat, but that it will not sink into a recession, even though interest rates are rising.

There is much whispering going on about the State secrets that are being quietly disclosed by East Germans as the two Germanys are heading toward unification. It must be quite uncomfortable for the Russians, whose forces are still stationed in East Germany, and even more uncomfortable for the KGB.

## US courts all but Vietnam

WASHINGTON, (AP): The United States under President George Bush has been making friendly overtures to some countries more accustomed to social but Vietnam remains an exception.

Old rivals Iran and Syria are being praised for their role in helping win the release of American hostages. There even is evidence of a thaw with two Marxist countries that Washington has long ignored: Albania and South Yemen.

This week, the government is entertaining the deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Dashiin Byambasuren, the highest ranking official from that country to visit Washington since it entered the Soviet orbit in 1921.

Three years ago, the United States and Mongolia were not on speaking terms; now they are talking about a trade agreement.

But there's one old foe to whom the United States has been far less welcoming: Vietnam. It was 15 years ago this week that the communist conquest of Vietnam was completed with the collapse of the Saigon government and the humiliating US departure.

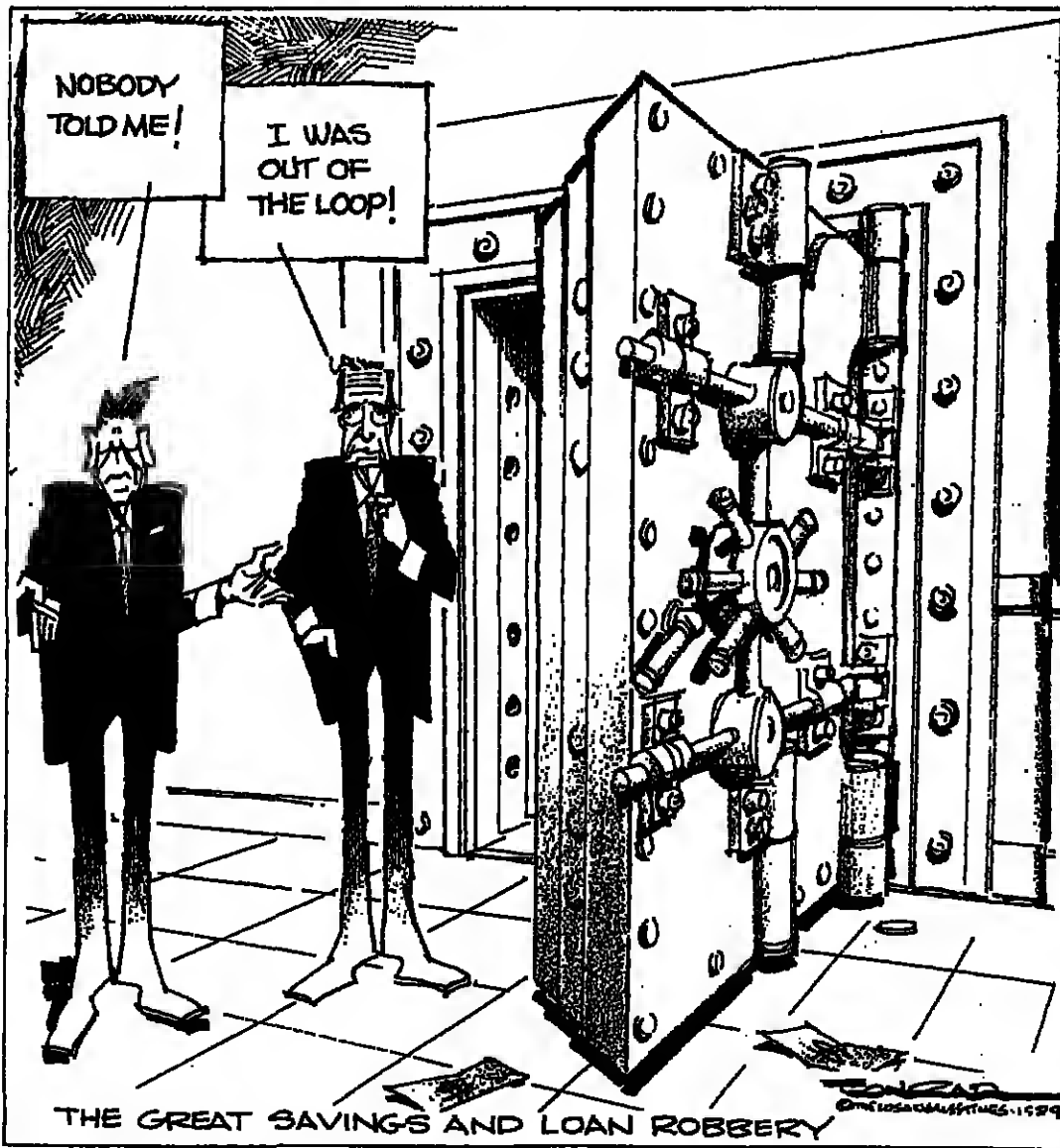
Vietnam seems ready for healing wounds. But the United States is making overtures subject to onerous conditions, and leaving the impression that it is psychologically difficult for it to make gestures toward the country responsible for America's greatest military defeat.

Washington is demanding that Vietnam find a solution to the decade-long conflict in Cambodia and that Hanoi withdraw all its forces from that country permanently. The United States also wants an accounting of more than 2,300 US troops still listed as missing in action in Vietnam.

A Time-CNN poll indicates the administration may be out of step with public opinion on the Vietnam question. Three out of five respondents favour an exchange of ambassadors with Hanoi.

But the Wall Street Journal believes administration policy is right on the mark.

"Vietnam remains a bastion of repression and a threat to its neighbours," the journal editorialized. "It is important to insist that it first become a civilized nation before offering it friendly gestures... In Asia... there has been no crackup of communist dictatorships. Neither has there been any significant reduction in the Pacific military might of Vietnam's big brother, the Soviet Union."



## Letters to the editor

## Beauty contest

SIR: This refers to the letter published in your 'Letters to the Editor' — "Image boost" in your daily of April 28 1990, by Jacinto Diaz clearly proves that he carries some grudge against Ms Susan Rego, who was crowned Ms Goa — 1990, and her father.

Having met these wonderful people twice at functions held in Goa, I was much impressed. To be very frank — neither Ms Susan, nor her extroverted father needs that image boost, for they are blessed with it in abundance. I feel the either Diaz's daughters, or sisters are in short supply of it due to their poor upbringing,

and hence a booster dose would help them much.

Since the contest was open to any eligible female participant, was it necessary that Ms Susan had to be a Goa? She is a citizen of India, ain't she? Then what does it matter? Don't be a narrow-minded person for we all are roots of a gigantic tree — India.

Dr Dominic Sanchez,  
Dubai,  
U.A.E.

## Family visa

SIR: I request the Ministry of the Interior through your

paper, to review the income limit for getting a family visa, or at least allow the persons to bring their families for 6 months once every two years.

Mohammed Ilyas Shahid,  
Safat.

ALL Letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.

Greece  
Another entry  
for Karamanlis

ATHENS, (Reuters): Constantine Karamanlis, elected president on Friday, has often had harsh words for his fellow Greeks but when needed he returned home from France to oversee the transition from dictatorship to democracy.

Karamanlis, 83, criticised his countrymen for what he saw as an inclination towards political instability and prided himself on his long stays in office.

After retiring from politics several years ago, he agreed recently to stand as a presidential candidate and was elected by the new, conservative-controlled parliament to the largely ceremonial five-year post.

The New Democracy Party, which he founded in 1974, won national elections last month and formed its first government since 1981 with Constantine Mitsotakis as prime minister.

## Shape

Karamanlis helped to shape the face of modern Greece while holding five ministerial posts shortly after World War II and as prime minister from 1955 to 1963.

And when the military junta which ruled Greece from 1967 to 1974 collapsed, Karamanlis returned home to oversee the restoration of democracy and served as prime minister again from 1974 to 1980.

His great ambitions were to modernise the economy and to integrate Greece into Western Europe. The latter goal was realised when Greece became a member of the European Economic Community (EEC) in 1981.

Born a subject of the Ottoman Empire in the East Macedonian village of Kupkoy (later Prot) on March 8, 1907, he was the son of a local schoolmaster turned tobacco farmer. The eldest of eight children, Karamanlis earned a degree in law in 1929.

He was elected to Parliament in 1935, but from 1936, when Gen Ioannis Metaxas assumed dictatorial powers, and during the subsequent Italian invasion, German occupation and civil war, Karamanlis remained largely out of politics.

## Parliamentary

In 1946 he won a parliamentary seat in the first election in 10 years and was named labour minister.

Karamanlis gained national recognition after being named minister of social welfare in 1948, a post in which he was responsible for some 700,000 refugees from the civil war.

From 1952 until 1955 he was public works minister, laying the foundations for economic growth. His less talk, more action style prompted King Paul to appoint Karamanlis prime minister in 1955.

Karamanlis and King Paul later became embroiled in a dispute over the constitutional powers of the monarchy. Karamanlis resigned and briefly left the country.

After much coaxing he returned to fight the November 1963 election, losing to George Papandreu's Centre Union Party.

When the Athens Junta collapsed in 1974 after sponsoring an abortive coup in Cyprus in an attempt to bring about union with mainland Greece, Turkey invaded and occupied almost 40 per cent of the Mediterranean island to protect the small Turkish-Cypriot minority. Karamanlis was coaxed back from 11 years of self-imposed exile in Paris as the country was on the brink of military conflict with neighbouring Turkey.

## Crises

As hundreds of thousands of Athenians danced in the streets to welcome him home, Karamanlis quickly set up an interim administration and worked at defusing the crisis to avert what could have been a disastrous war for both countries.

After leading his newly formed New Democratic Party to a landslide election victory in November 1974, he drafted a new constitution and held a referendum abolishing the monarchy and sending the royal family into exile.

He was elected prime minister in November 1974 with 54 per cent of the vote, and was re-elected in 1977 with a reduced majority.

He stepped down as prime minister in 1980, when he became president. But after a bitter battle with socialist prime minister Andreas Papandreu, he was forced to resign in 1985.

Karamanlis again withdrew from politics, becoming a virtual recluse in his home in the northern Athens suburb of Politia.

In one of his rare statements after losing the presidency he issued a brief comment in January 1989 to condemn a series of scandals battering Papandreu's government.

The statement, classic Karamanlis, said: "The unprecedented events happening in our country give the impression that Greece has become a vast madhouse." That was all.

## QUOTE ME

"It is good news for small states. It means that small states do have remedies at international law against large ones and that the international arena, might is not right, think it is a victory for New Zealand, a very significant, famous victory for New Zealand. In the international arena, New Zealand's actions have been vindicated. France's actions have been condemned." — New Zealand Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer after a ruling in favour of New Zealand over France's sinking of the Rainbow Warrior ship.

"On the minus side, these constant meetings are extremely tiring for foreign ministers, and they seem anti-climatic to the public because there's an expectation that they always do something new. But on the plus side, at a time of rapid change in Europe all these decision-makers should be in rapid contact to avoid misunderstandings and get to know each other's minds." — a Western diplomat on the constant EEC meetings.

"(France) notes with satisfaction that this closes the affair in particular concerning the two offices. It welcomes the definite end of a problem which had clouded relations between France and New Zealand for some time, and hopes relations can now proceed in the traditional atmosphere of friendship between the two countries." — French Foreign Ministry on a court ruling on the Rainbow Warrior sinking.

"Sometimes I get this feeling that they've reaped this hour just outside Brussels and live there in sin, dropping into downtown Brussels every few days." — Joked out diplomat at a EEC foreign ministers meeting.

"I want Rambo to disappear unless I'm allowed to turn him into the defender of the ecological battle to save the environment. My new Rambo will be closer to Greenpeace than to the CIA." Sylvester "Rambo" Stallone.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Third oil 'crisis' looms ahead

VIENNA, May 9. (Opecna): The basic thesis of the book, "Is a third oil crisis inevitable," by Dr M. G. Salameh, is quite simple: namely that unless Opec's oil production capacity increases or is increased dramatically, there will be a serious shortage of oil starting the middle years of the present decade. Incidentally, this is a point Opec Secretary-General Dr Subroto has been making repeatedly.

Dr Salameh, an economist by training, who heads an oil consultancy service in the United Kingdom, argues that the likely oil demand in the year 2000 will be 19 per cent or 539 million tonnes higher than in 1983. In order to meet it, "Opec production must increase by some 77 per cent from its 1983 level of 895.4 million tonnes to 1,583 million tonnes in the year 2000."

He maintains that though Opec producers would be pumping oil to capacity, they simply will not have the ability to meet the shortfall. The industrialised world's dependence on Opec oil will be critical — hence a "third oil crisis" unless...

Even by 1995, according to Salameh, oil demand will be higher by 13 per cent compared with 1983 and in order for it to be satisfied, Opec's 1983 capacity will need to be increased by as much as 70 per cent — from 895.4 million tonnes to 1,524.7 million tonnes.

Non-Opec production, he argues, is unlikely to exceed the 1983 level of 1,860 million tonnes. In fact, it has been falling since 1985, he notes, and will be no more than 1,700 million tonnes by 1995.

Taking 1983 as the base, US production will fall by 155 million tonnes in 1995, that of the USSR by 22 million tonnes and of the UK by 40 million tonnes. He concludes that "the Middle East producers — mainly Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait — have the capacity to increase the production sufficient enough to meet the upward swing."

As for the theory that there will be oil discoveries to make up for the difference, Salameh says: "There are very real doubts whether such a record can be repeated in the next two decades. No matter how advanced the exploration technology becomes or the amount of investment that is poured into the search, discovery of new oil-bearing zones of similar size to the oilfields of the Middle East or to those of similar size to Alaska, Mexico or the North Sea is extremely unlikely. It is difficult to find fault with this argument."

**Dangerous**  
On conservation as a factor, he points out that because of the oil glut of recent years, there has been a "movement away from conservation programmes" in OECD countries. He warns that "it will be a real and dangerous mistake to let the recent short-term falls in the price of oil to slacken the pace of the long-term energy conservation programmes and energy efficiency investment."

He quotes former Saudi petroleum and mineral resources minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani as saying that conservation efforts in Western industrialised nations are slackening due to the recent short-term fall in oil prices and the current glut, particularly in the United States. There are "strong indications," continues Yamani, that this trend will continue unless the oil price starts to rise.

Salameh maintains that even if conservation efforts were to be intensified and alternative energy sources developed at a more rapid pace than at present, the need for oil cannot be reduced for "at least the next two decades." This is a valid view and even those in and outside the environmental lobby will concede that it is so. Oil may be an evil, but the world has to live with it until such time it discovers a fuel as efficient, abundant and cheap as "black gold."

## Poor fail to convince rich

Latin, African nations alarmed at diversion to East Europe

WASHINGTON, May 9. (Agencies): Poor nations have won a \$60 billion increase in IMF funding to help meet the growing credit demands of the 1990s but failed to convince the industrial world of the need for a major new initiative to tackle the debt crisis.

Latin American and African nations, alarmed at the prospect of Western money being diverted to potentially lucrative new markets in East Europe, did succeed in bringing the \$1.3-trillion debt crisis back into the spotlight during International Monetary Fund meetings here.

But monetary officials said any changes in the West's strict guidelines of extending

debt relief would be limited and would probably have to wait at least until July's summit of leaders from the major industrial powers to Houston, Texas.

"Despite repeated discussions of the debt problem... the economic prospects of the severely indebted countries are still bleak," said Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwean finance minister who chaired yesterday's talks here.

But he said industrial countries had pledged not to allow their attention to focus on Eastern Europe at the expense of the developing world.



World Bank President Barber Conable (left) playfully grabs the lapels of Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund prior to the start of the Development Committee meeting on Tuesday at the IMF. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dollar in swan dive

Gold slightly lower

LONDON, May 9. (AP): The dollar slumped on European exchanges today after breaking through a key support barrier in Asian trading. Gold was marginally lower.

The dollar fell below 1.6500 West German marks in Asian dealings set off a wave of stop-loss orders and pushed the US currency even lower. Dealers said it was questionable whether the dollar would find support at 1.6400 marks.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 157.03 yen, down 1.02 yen from yesterday's close. Later in London the dollar was down further to 156.52 yen.

The British pound traded at \$1.6792 from \$1.6997 late yesterday.

Currency dealers in Japan attributed the dollar's weakness to its overnight drop in New York, in part due to European currencies' strength against the dollar, as well as results of the three-year US Treasury bond auction yesterday in Washington.

The US Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond rose 5.32, or \$1.50 per \$1,000 face amount. Its yield, which falls when prices rise, declined to 8.82 per cent from 8.84 per cent late Monday.

Gold dealers in London fixed a recommended price of \$369.70 a troy ounce today, down 5 cents from late yesterday.

In New York, US stock prices moved higher yesterday in their seventh straight session gain, helped

by a rise in the bond market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 11.94 points at 2,733.56, according to preliminary estimates, with gains overtaking losses by a slight margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume on the big board was a light 137.2 million shares. Traders said signals that the US economy is slowing down, rather than heating up, have helped bond prices to rise, interest rates to ease, and stock prices to gain.

The key 225-share Nikkei index exceeded 31,000 points in an early morning surge but later eased, to close down 24.97 points at 30,945.61 after gaining 14.31 yesterday.

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In Sydney, stocks closed firmer after drifting most of the day in lethargy, but later eased, to close down 2.82 points at 3,094.51 after gaining 14.31 yesterday.

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In Taipei, late selling pulled the index down slightly after stocks opened higher. It lost 25.82 points to end at 8,922.67 against yesterday's 8,948.49 close, dealers said.

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## Glut cost Arabs \$102m per day

BAGHDAD, May 9. (AP): Iraq's main government newspaper today criticised Arab oil producers blamed for a recent glut on the oil market, saying the overproduction was costing Arab states \$102 million a day in lost revenue.

The daily Al Thawra asked in an editorial: "In whose interest are they doing that?"

It did not name the violators, but oil industry sources had reported that overproduction by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates caused a surplus that drove prices down to below Opec's benchmark price of \$18 per barrel.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 13 member states agreed at a meeting in Geneva last week to cut back production by 1.45 million barrels a day to arrest the glut and push the price up.

Opec pumped about 23.5 million barrels a day in April, causing a daily surplus of about 1.7 million barrels.

Iraq has said it considers overproduction by some Opec members a plot against it.

Baghdad, which had accumulated a foreign debt of about \$60-70 billion during its 1980-88 war with Iran, is depending mainly on oil revenues to shore up the economy.

MAP member in Jordan

LONDON, May 9. (Kuna): Dr Swee Ang, a founding member of the UK charity Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) is visiting Jordan, Qatar, Dubai and Abu Dhabi on a fund-raising and information tour from May 10-12, it was reported here today.

In a statement, MAP said that Dr Swee, an orthopaedic surgeon, will be lecturing on her experience in Lebanon and the occupied Gaza Strip.

The three banks — from the United States, West Germany and Japan — have held out against market pressures for higher short-term interest rates, arguing that global investors have exaggerated the threat of faster inflation.

Japan signalled yesterday that it plans to use its bigger voting stake in IMF to take a more active role in helping to manage the world economy.

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## BCCI's stake under review

Kifco shares can be sold to Kuwaitis

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

its meteoric growth that propelled it into the group of the world's 30 biggest privately held banks.

THE BCCI's 49 per cent stake in Kuwait International Finance Co. (Kifco) is under review after the Luxembourg-based bank was taken over by the government of Abu Dhabi in a move to prop it up following the announcement of staggering losses in 1989.

Whether the bank will sell its share largely depends on the profitability of the Kuwaiti affiliate, which according to a Kuwait-based banking source has never been in the red in its 16 years of operation.

BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International) can sell its Kifco shares only to Kuwaiti investors as no foreign bank can operate on the Kuwaiti market. BCCI acquired the stake before the rule was enforced.

Bank officials said after the announcement of last year's financial results on May 1 that important restructuring of BCCI will take place over the coming months. According to reports from London this could mean senior management changes and the closure of some of the bank's smaller branches.

It is understood that two of Kifco's senior managers are being transferred to Pakistan, the home country of BCCI's founder, Agha Hasan Abedi, and many of its upper crust management.

Technically speaking all of the 35-strong Kifco staff work under instructions from the Kifco board of directors after the Kuwaiti firm's management. BCCI was terminated in 1985 on the Central Bank's orders.

The source in Kuwait said that the seven-member committee currently hammering out the bank's new strategy in London will not rush to sell Kifco shares if for no other reason than that it has more urgent areas of operation to examine, such as the BCCI's presence in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The bank's modest beginnings in 1972 with \$10 million, gave no clue to

With its \$21 billion in assets and 400 branches in 73 countries acquired over a comparatively short time span, the bank had the reputation for chasing the fast buck. After an elaborate clandestine investigation two of the bank's subsidiaries pleaded guilty in February to drug laundering charges in the US. The bank got out of the case with a \$15 million fine, a drop in the ocean of its assets.

Its last year losses of \$498 million are the result of an increase in provisions for bad and doubtful loans amounting to \$600 million. Provision against country risk forms about 50 per cent of the sum.

The Abu Dhabi intervention was mandated by the bank's supervisors. The UAE raised its stake in the bank from some 50 per cent to 77, courtesy of Khalid Bin-Mahfouz of Saudi Arabia, who wanted to get rid of his 20 per cent stake in the bank. Abu Dhabi also injected \$400 million in new equity subscriptions.

The BCCI now hopes it can wipe the slate clean and start a new chapter. In this it may succeed and the last year's figures, which in fact are not that damaging, can be a starting point. The bank made a \$234 million operating profit in 1989 although it was wiped out by the loan loss provision determined by the Bank of England matrix, the formula for Third World debt write-offs.

The bank in its communication to its shareholders said it is vigorously pursuing recovery of certain commercial loans which are in the process of being re-negotiated.

BCCI 1989 accounts show that its assets have risen from \$20.6 billion to \$23.5 billion and its liquid assets were quoted at \$12.3 billion an increase of \$2.6 billion from 1988.

Customer deposits rose from \$15.6 billion to \$18.4 billion and the bank managed to not only cap but also reduce its escalating operating expenses bringing them to \$575 million in 1989.

## EEC approves Marshall Plan

Aid to East Germany

BRUSSELS, May 9. (Reuters): West Germany got European Economic Community blessing on Tuesday for a plan to revive the post-war Marshall Plan to help East Germany rebuild its economy.

"It's a new purpose for an old fund," an EC spokesman told Reuters.

The Marshall Plan, or European recovery programme, was set up after World War Two to reconstruct towns in Western Europe that were damaged in the war.

This will be the first time money from the fund is being used to help in east block country.

West Germany proposed using the fund for reconstruction and believes it is still needed as a consequence of the devastating urban damage Germany suffered during the war.

The new plan means six billion West German marks (\$3.62 billion) of new money raised from West German sources can be spent helping the former communist state.

Of this, some 1.2 billion marks (\$725 million) will be used this year to help start up businesses, clean up the environment, modernise industrial plants and provide tourist facilities such as hotels, guest houses and restaurants.

Named after former US secretary of state General George Marshall, the fund raised a total of about \$47 billion at 1981 prices between 1948 and 1952. Most of this was given by the United States, some by Canada.

The West Germany government has kept the fund rolling, partly from loans being repaid.

The European Community's executive commission had to vet the plan because it has responsibility for checking all state aids to make sure they do not give one EC member state an unfair advantage over others.

The European Commission's top financial official on Wednesday backed steps by Greece's new conservative government to tackle an economic crisis but said it might have to go even tougher.

"My impression of the measures taken by the government to stabilise the economy is positive," European Commissioner for Financial Affairs Henning Christophersen told reporters after an hour's meeting with Finance Minister Constantine Mitsotakis.

He said they marked "a substantial step in the right direction but further steps will be necessary."

France and Britain have reached a common stand on the creation of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on Eastern Europe (EBRD), an official spokesman said last Wednesday.

The Elysee palace spokesman said the agreement on the creation of the bank was reached during the May 4 summit in England of French President Francois Mitterrand and British Premier, Margaret Thatcher.

## Tokyo shares

Nikkei stock average: 30978.58 (+1431)		
Yen exchange rate: 158.05		
Name of stock	Cling	
Advanced Corp.	2270	Mitsubishi Corp.
Ajinomoto	2080	Mitsubishi Estate
Alps Elec.	1630	Mitsubishi H
Amada	1630	Mitsui R.E.
Asahi Chem Ind.	898	Mori Seiki Co.
Asahi Glass	1800	NEC Corp.
C. Itoh Co.	866	Nikon Corp.
Canon Inc.	1760	Nippon Shin Co.
Casio Comp.	1610	Nippon Steel Corp.
Dai Nippon Printing	1940	Nippondenso
Daiichi Seiyaku	2560	Nituko Corp.
Dainippon Pharm.	2610	Nomura Sec.
Daishinku Corp.	1730	Okuma Mach.
Eisai	1840	Onward K Co.
Fanuc Ltd.	7080	Orix Corp.
Fuji Photo.	4170	Pioneer Elec. Co.
Fujitsu Ltd.	1430	Renown Look Inc.
Hitachi Credit	1490	Sanyo Elec Co.
Hitachi Koki	2180	Semco Co., Ltd.
Hitachi Ltd.	1610	Shinetsu Chem.
Hitachi Metal	1480	Shindengen Elec.
Honda Motor	1800	Sony Corp.
Ito Yokado Co.	4070	Sumitomo Elec Ind.
Kajima Corp.	1750	S. Metal Ind.
Kawasaki H.I.	860	Takeda Chemical
Kobe Cast Iron	1210	TDK Corp.
Kokusai Elec.	4940	Tokyo Marine & Fire
Komatsu Ltd.	1110	Tokyo Elec Power
Kyocera Corp.	7370	Tokyo Electron Ltd.
Marui	2990	Toshiba Corp.
Matsushita Ind.	3740	Toshiba Corp.
Mat Electric	2290	Toyota Motor
		Yaskawa Elec.

## S. African gold mines threatened

Production to fall by half

JOHANNESBURG, May 9. (Reuters): South Africa, the world's top gold producer, may face a hefty drop in output during the 1990s because of weak prices and high costs that could close mines.

The Council of Mineral Technology, a state-supported research organisation, predicts that production could fall by as much as one half from last year's 606 tonnes.

"Optimists forecast that production can maintain a level of 600 tonnes a year until the turn of the century," it commented in a survey presented to a conference on Wednesday.

"Realists, however, note that South Africa's production costs — the highest in the world — are still rising and without a substantial rise in the rand price of gold, the optimistic figure of 600 tonnes could be

halved," it added. Only several years ago, South Africa's mines had the world's lowest production costs.

Other experts taking a shorter term view, such as David Giese of stockbrokers Davis, Brokum Hare Inc. and Mike Brown of Frankel, Kruger, Vindner Inc., saw annual production 50 tonnes or more lower by the mid-1990s.

With world gold prices currently languishing at around \$370 an ounce, \$30 below prices three months ago and significantly lower than many analysts expected, Giese said it was becoming inevitable that some mines may have to close.

"We are probably looking at about 11 or 12 mines that are threatened with closure," he said, but added there was no question of immediate shutdowns as closures

take anything up to two years to complete. In contrast with many new mines in Australia, Canada and the United States with surface or shallow operations, most South African mines face heavier costs in having to dig far down through hard rock to get at narrow seams of gold reef.

Mineworkers blame rising production costs largely on persistently high inflation, now around 15 per cent a year.

Among mines threatened are the older so-called marginal operations, incurring high costs and extracting low grades.

The Deputy Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Piet Welgemoed, said on Tuesday that the cabinet was concerned at the low gold price and the possibility of mine closures.

## US seeks tech co-operation with Japan

TOKYO, May 9. (UPI): A team of US Commerce Department officials and their Japanese counterparts opened talks today aimed at improving the two-way flow of industry-related technology and locating opportunities for American business in Japan.

The two-days of talks are not confrontational, said US Commerce Undersecretary Michael Farren, head of the 26-member Commerce Department team, but rather are aimed at forestalling the problems that have led to America's often bitter trade relations with Japan.

"What we hope to achieve is a co-operative relationship among our industries and I believe the Japanese understand it is within

their interest to do so," Farren said in an interview with United Press International.

Trade friction between the world's two major economic powers has been eased somewhat since they reached an agreement April 5 in Washington on changes both countries need to make to reduce the nearly \$50 billion annual US trade deficit with Japan.

But the lack of foreign access to Japanese research continues to be a source of friction in the United States.

Japan, using relatively modest sums of money, has been able to gain access to US technology by entering into research projects with US companies or funding research at US universities.

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Indian rupee	16.990
Sri Lankan rupee	7.390
Pakistani rupee	13.450
Bangladesh taka	8.490
US dollar	29260
Pound sterling	49075
UAE dirham	07963
Deutsche mark	17800
Japanese yen	001870



# EEC bids to cut customs procedures

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 9. (AP): The European Economic Community commission said yesterday it has a plan to begin eliminating customs procedures within the 12-nation trade bloc in 1993.

It put forward a proposal which, for the first four years, would keep a simpler form of the present system for collecting Value-Added Taxes, still requiring companies to keep tabs on their intra-community trade.

Under the plan, the transition regime will expire at the end of 1996 to make for a

system where VAT is collected by the country of origin, further simplifying intra-EEC trade.

The proposal is the latest attempt by the EEC's tax policy commissioner Christiane Scrivener to craft an EEC-wide VAT regime by the end of 1992, when the trade bloc aims to complete a unified internal market between the member states.

Scrivener urged EEC ministers of finance and the European Parliament to act

quickly on the new proposals.

"To delay again would create a problem on credibility on the effective establishment of the internal market" by the end of 1992, she told reporters.

The plan must be approved by EEC finance ministers and vetted by the European parliament before it can be sent to member states' parliaments for ratification.

Companies are currently required to fill

out a form documenting every consignment for intra-EEC trade. Value-added taxes, which are collected in the country of destination, must be paid in advance.

Under the transition plan endorsed by the commission Tuesday, companies will no longer be required to fill out customs documents. Instead, they will have to give periodic statements on their total VAT payments and total amounts of intra-community trade.

## Bush to discuss raising taxes

WASHINGTON, May 9. (Agencies): President George Bush is ruling out raising income taxes but is willing to discuss other tax increases, ranging from a national sales tax to higher levies on alcohol and cigarettes, Republican lawmakers said yesterday.

Bush discussed taxes with congressional Republican leaders after budget director Richard Darman delivered a gloomy assessment of the economy, said participants at a White House meeting. Bush invited Republican members of Congress to a meeting to discuss ways of cutting the deficit.

"Value-added taxes, taxes on booze and cigarettes, a national lottery, a one-cent national tax, all sorts of things like that are in the mix," said assistant Senate Republican leader Alan K. Simpson.

However, he added, "nobody's talking about raising income tax rates."

At the four-hour-long White House session, participants said, Darman told the lawmakers that an automatic budget cut in excess of \$55 billion was likely this fall in the absence of major new deficit-cutting steps.

That could chop about 20 per cent across the board in defence and most domestic programmes.

Despite the president's earlier pledge against new taxes, Simpson said, Bush "is fully aware that he's got a country to run. And he's got to do that in a responsible way because lots of figures have changed."

Simpson, speaking to reporters in the driveway outside the White House, said Darman had spelled out spending cuts so massive that they would be "totally unacceptable to the American people."

Participants said Bush listened as Republican lawmakers discussed a variety of tax options, but that he did not voice his own opinion on any particular tax.

However, the president reiterated his position that there be no "preconditions."

"We're going to see the economic jitters set in unless somebody assumes some responsibility for the budget," said Sen. Thad Cochran, a Republican.

"The president is trying to do this. And I applauded him for it."

House of Representatives assistant Republican leader Newt Gingrich said Republicans would not agree to any plan that would hurt them in an election year.

"I'm not going to vote for anything which causes us to lose politically... and we're not going to agree to stupid deals," Gingrich said.

"We want to keep this as free from political bickering as possible," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said yesterday when asked about the potential fallout from Bush's seeming abandonment of the "Read my lips — no new taxes" refrain that marked his 1988 presidential campaign.



'Information age'

A visitor to the Smithsonian Institution's 'Information Age' exhibit at the National Museum of American History tries out a Reuters News Picture Terminal, one of the many communications gadgets on display on Tuesday. The \$10 million

exhibit of old and new communications devices that have changed the way we live, work and play opened to the public yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pioneer to market for \$3,160

### Car navigation system

TOKYO, May 9. (AP): A new navigation system made by Japan's Pioneer Electronic Corp. uses satellites to calculate a vehicle's location and then displays it to the driver on a map on a colour screen.

The system, which goes on sale in Japan on June 21, connects to the vehicle's audio system and uses special compact discs to display maps of any part of Japan, Pioneer spokesman Toru Yokomizo said today.

The complete system, including navigation device, display, antenna and audio system, will cost about \$3,160, he said.

Yokomizo said the device is the first satellite navigation system for cars available as an accessory

on the retail market.

The device, named Avio-1, uses signals from satellites to automatically calculate the vehicle's location. It indicates the location with a red dot on the maps, which are displayed on a 10-centimetre (four-inch) flat colour screen, he said.

The driver can choose from five levels of detail in the maps, which also include names of thousands of restaurants, hotels, and entertainment facilities and the services they provide, he said.

The navigation system has an accuracy of 20-30 metres (65-100 feet) and can be used by cars, trucks or even helicopters, Yokomizo said. The vehicles can be moving or standing still, he said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Fiat shows record profits:** Italy's largest private industrial group, Fiat SpA, announced on Tuesday that it made record profits and sales last year.

Fiat, owned by the Agnelli family, said consolidated net profits rose nine per cent to 3.3 trillion lire (\$2.7 billion) from 3.03 trillion lire in 1988. Sales jumped 17.5 per cent to 52 trillion lire from 44.3 trillion. Analysts polled by Reuters earlier this week had forecasted net profit growth of between 10 and 15 per cent. (Reuters)

**EEC boosts aid:** Latin America and Asia should get twice as much money from the European Economic Community in the next five years as in the previous five under scheme proposed on Tuesday by the EEC's executive commission.

Abel Matutes, commissioner responsible for these two regions, said co-operation aid would be 2.9 billion European currency units (\$3.5 billion) in the five years from 1991-95, more than double the 1.58 billion ECUs (\$1.9 billion) available in the previous five. (AP)

**Israel Chemicals record profit:** State-owned phosphate and potash producer Israel Chemicals Ltd (ICL) on Tuesday announced a record net profit of \$106.6 million for 1989, up from \$55 million the previous year.

The annual report was presented by outgoing chairman Rafi Eitan, an ex-intelligence officer whose team recruited US navy analyst Jonathan Pollard to spy for Israel. Eitan was sacked for opposing the sale of ICL to foreign investors.

ICL managing-director Haim Erez said the rise in products was due to higher world prices for the firm's

products. However, he predicted profits would decline in 1990 as prices fell back. (Reuters)

**US-EEC farm trade talks:** The United States and European Economic Community have made some progress in trying to narrow wide differences on reforming world farm trade, but some trade experts say the movement has been more procedural than substantive.

"They have come up with procedures that may help narrow some major and fundamental differences, but those differences have yet to be resolved," said Dale Hathaway, a trade analyst with consultants international group. (Reuters)

**IDB approves loans, grants:** The Islamic Development Bank has approved a total of \$49.6 million to finance development and trade in six member states.

A statement by the Saudi Arabia-based IDB said Gabon would get \$5 million to finance the building of three roads. The loan is repayable in 16 years after a four-year grace period.

Egypt will receive \$2.6 million, repayable in eight years after one year grace period, for industrial modernisation. (Reuters)

**Korean firm to buy uranium:** Korea Electric Power Corp. has signed a contract to purchase 390 tonnes of uranium, worth about \$230 million, from the Soviet Union, Energy and Resources Minister Lee Hee-il announced Wednesday.

Lee told a news conference that the 10-year contract was signed in Seoul Monday between the state-run South Korean Power Company and Technoexport, the state-run Soviet nuclear-related export agency.

## Businessman turns to painting

Paul Savitt drops out of advertising

NEW YORK, May 9. (Reuters): Seventeen years ago, Paul Savitt traded the fancy cars and long lunches of Madison Avenue's advertising world for an artist's studio. Now at the age of 63, he says he's only 20 years away from becoming a great painter.

Savitt dropped out of advertising after 25 years of promoting tobacco, banks and wine because, he says, he was "romantic and foolhardy."

He regrets only that he didn't quit sooner. "I knew there was a day of reckoning coming — advertising or painting," he says.

Ditching the advertising agency he launched — and an annual salary of \$250,000 — he began painting for 15 hours a day and no pay at all.

"I had been operating double-agent style, doing both and cheating everybody," Savitt told Reuters as he opened his first exhibition to rave reviews.

Art scholar Donald Kuspit called him a "new and important figure on the American art scene."

"We are in the presence of a powerful

force," said Kuspit, praising Savitt's technical variety and primitive energy.

Associates say Savitt went into "self-imposed isolation." But Savitt says only his daily routine changed, not himself.

"I still have all the same insanities. But whereas I used to be a businessman, employing many people and coping with problems, suddenly, I was in my studio, alone. No phone calls, no demands, no treachery — and no great successes either."

Savitt paints huge, three-dimensional wall paintings — rich with colour — made of sand, coffee grinds, egg shells and glass.

Savitt's sculptures were also displayed at the Daniel Broder Gallery. Alongside were his framed drawings — tiny doodles and seemingly random words scribbled on the television page of the New York Times.

Savitt said his work does not strive to be weird or modern.

"In fact, I may not be well-suited to the 20th century. I didn't confine myself to modern language and I was actually aiming to create

some feeling of antiquity," he said.

"Rockstar" is a 3-D creation, crusty with blue, red and yellow paint and fired with energy. The singer's mouth is jarred wide open, his limbs frozen in motion.

Savitt pointed out his latest creation, built of sand that he dyed with pigment and depicting a jet black sky streaked with thin zips and lights.

"It was the very finest white sand I've ever seen. Everyone can paint but this is fantastic. I discovered a new material," he said.

"I'm not an artist but an industry, a research and development man who scours construction companies for new ideas," he said. "But art always hovers in the wings — even when I was in advertising."

"When I was young... my heroes were Gauguin and Van Gogh. They stopped at nothing to paint. They were romantic and foolhardy — just like me."

"Now I'm working toward being a great painter. I even know what my best work will look like, but I'm still 20 years away from doing it," said Savitt.

# Co-operation with consumers debated

Oapec council meeting ends

KUWAIT, May 9. (Agencies): Senior officials from the Arab world's key oil producing countries yesterday called for boosting co-operation with oil importing countries, notably the European Economic Community.

For the first time since the 1968 establishment of the 11-member Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec), none of the oil ministers attended and the semi-annual meeting, held at the level of senior experts.

Sources at the Kuwait headquarters said it had been decided that the first of the two Oapec council meetings each year does not have to be at the ministerial level.

The meeting was chaired by the new Oapec Secretary-General, Abdul Aziz Al Turki of Saudi Arabia, who assumed his post March 1.

## Nigeria step to maintain quota

Price will stabilise

LAGOS, May 9. (Opecna): The Nigerian government has instructed oil companies operating in the country to adhere strictly to the nation's Opec production quota. Petroleum Resources Minister Prof. Jibril Aminu announced here.

He told a news conference that following the directive, "some approved nominations have had to be withdrawn," he said both measures were in line with last week's Opec ministerial monitoring committee decision to cut 1.445 million b/d from total production.

"Nigeria has all along been going along with Opec. We have been a

faithful and moderating influence in the organisation and we would like to maintain this," the minister affirmed.

### Result

He said that as a result of the move, the country would cut back some 140,000 b/d of crude, thus returning to its quota of 1.61 million b/d.

Aminu predicted that the unanimous decision by the 13 Opec member states to abide by the monitoring committee's decision would have salutary effect on oil price stability.

### Seriousness

"Opec member countries, including those which had rejected their quotas and those that were producing below their respective quotas, have expressed a sufficient degree of seriousness to 'cut back production,' he professed.

He said that subsequent statements by Opec oil and energy ministers and even the cabinets of some member countries had gone a long way

towards buttressing their commitment to the agreement.

The minister disclosed that a report on last week's Geneva meeting would be formally presented to the Nigerian cabinet this week.

In answer to a question concerning the current state of the oil market, Aminu explained that prices had not picked up as expected because of manipulation.

"There is still a lot of manipulation going on, which is being carried out by analysts, speculators and traders," he pointed out.

Regarding the issue of crude stockpiling, Aminu said this was a temporary phenomenon "because if we continue at this agreed level of production, we shall wipe out the backlog."

He stressed: "If we observe the agreement well, by the time we meet in July (the Opec conference), we shall all be smiling," he added.

The company recently won a proxy battle for control waged by Texas investor Harold Simmons, who owns 19 per cent of Lockheed's stock and claimed the company was mismanaged. Simmons did force the company to allow big shareholders more participation, however.

## Lockheed Corp. to shift HQ to Georgia

BURBANK, California, May 9. (AP): Lockheed Corp. said it will phase out all operations at the site where it cranked out 30,000 warplanes in World War II and designed America's most secret aircraft.

The nation's sixth largest military contractor said the changes would help it adjust to a likely decline in defence spending.

"We will take advantage of this situation to streamline our aircraft operations and enhance profitability," said chairman Donald Telep.

Lockheed, which has built planes in Burbank since 1928, said yesterday it will move its aerospace division to Marietta, Georgia, outside Atlanta.

The move to Georgia, where Lockheed already builds and services cargo planes at a government-owned facility, will cut costs substantially, Telep said.

The skunk works research unit, where spy planes and the Stealth fighter were developed, will become a separate subsidiary and gradually move from the 320-acre (130-hectare) Bur-

bank site to Palmdale, in the desert 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of Los Angeles.

Corporate headquarters will remain in Calabasas, California.

The moves mean more bad news for the aerospace industry in California. State representative George Miller said last week the state could lose 200,000 defence-related jobs by 1995.

McDonnell Douglas Corp's Douglas Aircraft is eliminating 3,000 jobs, most of them in Long Beach. Lockheed said recently it would lay off 2,000 workers in Burbank, Palmdale and Santa Clarita, along with 750 in Marietta.

Lockheed spokesman Ron Meder said the company would finish moving all operations out of Burbank by the mid-1990s, "and then everything will have been sold or will be for sale."

Lockheed's profits plummeted from \$624 million in 1988 to 2 million in 1989, and the company faces tough times as easing world tensions pressure the government to slash defence spending.

## UK's Ferranti wins radar contract

LONDON, May 9. (AP): Britain's GEC Ferranti has won the contract to supply radar to the fourth European fighter aircraft, defence secretary Tom King announced yesterday.

King said GEC Ferranti Defence Systems Ltd, a subsidiary of General Electric, will head a European consortium, Euro radar.

The single-seater fighter is being developed by Britain, Germany, Italy, and Spain.

Britain had pressed for the Ferranti ECR90 radar, while West Germany wanted a rival system produced mainly by Telefunken system Technik, a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz.

King told the House of Commons that all four countries have now agreed on Euro radar.

"This represents a major milestone for British airborne radar technology," he said.

GEC, which is not related to US company with the same name, estimated the value of the contract at 300 million pounds (\$500 million). It could increase if the aircraft goes into full production by the late 1990s.

The production of some 800 of the fighters was due under the four-nation agreement. But the easing of East-West tensions has raised doubts about this.

A press communique at the end of the daylong meeting said the council was satisfied with efforts exerted by Oapec's general secretariat to promote international co-operation in the oil industry.

"It considered reports on the organisation's contacts and joint activities with the European Economic Community, and with Norway, and on the other topics such as the economics aspects of oil imports in the industrialised countries," the statement added.

It gave no details but Oapec sources said that the council gave the secretariat the green light to pursue its course of co-operation and dialogue with the EEC including a symposium to be held in June, to discuss the prospect of co-operation between the two sides.

The 11-member Oapec includes seven Arab states that double as members in the 13 nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Oapec indirectly serves in helping Opec aims of streamlining co-operation among oil producers and oil consumers with the aim of stabilising the world oil market.

Oapec complained in the editorial of its monthly bulletin on Monday that levying continuously increases taxes on oil imports by industrialised countries would only curb work demand for oil and discourage plans by oil producers, including Oapec countries, to expand their production capacity.

The council directed its secretary-general to pursue contact and co-operation with Algeria to update the economic feasibility study on a drydock project in Algeria.

The statement said the council also reviewed many aspects of the organisation's activities, including the progress of work on the data bank, monitoring Arab and international developments relating to environment protection and preparations for the fifth Arab energy conference.

The Oapec bulletin said that Oapec countries, which reaped more than \$300 billion in form of taxes on oil consumption in 1989, should channel some of this revenue to solving environmental problems rather than imposing additional taxes "that will curb demand" under the pretext of fighting pollution.

The council scheduled its next meeting for Cairo in December.

Oapec groups Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Libya, Algeria, Bahrain, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia and Algeria, with the first seven also belonging to Opec.

Atlantic Richfield Co. an Mobil have won approval to separately develop two North Sea natural gas projects worth more than \$600 million, the United Kingdom energy minister announced yesterday.

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# Hyderabad: the quintessence lives on ....

Hyderabadis celebrate 400th anniversary of the city

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

FOUR hundred years ago, a city was raised amidst a wilderness of rock in the Deccan Plateau in India. Today, the twin cities of Hyderabad and Sikanderabad are said to be the fifth largest in India, and one of the legendary cities that still retain its quintessence.

Eight kilometres from Hyderabad is Golconda — the source of the fabulous Orloff, the Regent and the Kohinoor diamonds. Once, one of the world's wealthiest courts, Golconda today is a magnificent ruin dominating the rocky ramparts of the Deccan.

The Qutub Shahi dynasty ruled Hyderabad for 171 years, ending in 1687 when the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb captured the kingdom. Golconda was their capital, from where Quli Qutub Shah rode to the rocky vistas what is now Hyderabad in 1591, naming the capital after his Queen Hyder Mahal.

In 1707 AD the Asif Jahi dynasty was founded after its first ruler Feroze Jung Asif Jah proclaimed his independence from the Mughals, retaining his capital at

Aurangabad. He took the title of Nizam-ul-Mulk. In 1769, the capital was shifted to Hyderabad. Legend is replete with tales of fabulous wealth and luxurious lifestyles of the Nizams, who ruled Hyderabad for nearly 224 years; during which the state had its own currency, mint, railways, postal system and a booming economy. Huge dams and reservoirs like Nizam Sagar, Tungabhadra Dam (now in Karnataka) state, Osman Sagar and Nagarjuna Sagar were built during the reign.

Islamic and Hindu architecture blossomed in the form of mosques and temples, palaces and gardens; the relics of tombs and mosques are a reminder of past glory. The Charminar, built in 1591 AD has become the symbol of Hyderabad.

Education and learning was given great importance with the foundation of the prestigious Osmania University. Several public buildings like hospitals, assembly hall and libraries were also built. The Ajanta and Ellora caves are said to have been excavated and restored by Nizam-ul-Mulk. Mir Osman Ali Khan, one of the richest men in the world, was also one of the most parsimonious, an eccentric recluse who cut himself off from the extravagant public lifestyle of princely India. To this day, no one has been able to

determine the exact value of his fortune, which some say, still lies buried somewhere in his palace grounds.

After the British came to India, Hyderabad was seen as a staunch British ally. British ascendancy gave the Nizams more glory as they went shopping all over the world, bringing back Rolls Royces and art objects.

In 1948, the princely state came under the union government of India.

With the diminishing power of the Nizams, patronage of the arts received a setback and the Hyderabadis had to adapt to a new lifestyle. The last four decades saw a marked decline in the city's splendour perhaps due to neglect, population influx and industrial growth.

Gradually, Hyderabad is awakening to a new dawn. The Banjara Hills, where the Rajasthani gypsies once camped, is now prime real estate; diamond glitter has given way to vineyards and film studios and a new cultural synthesis is emerging one that strives to retain the music in the language and a gentleness of life that permeates beyond Hyderabad's industrial boom.

The quintessence lives on ....

The Hyderabadis in Kuwait, who are now celebrating the 400th anniversary of

the city, can't forget the past glory or its present character. They want to revive the rich cultural heritage of Hyderabad, and relive the harmony that once existed between peoples of different religions in Hyderabad.

The Hyderabad Deccan 400th anniversary celebration committee has prepared a varied programme, that was launched on May 4 with a festival cricket match between Golconda XI and Charminar XI. It was played by the above-40 years old Hyderabadis in Kuwait. Indian Ambassador A.K. Budhiraja launched the festival.

On May 11, they will hold an open-day at the Messilah Beach Hotel; on May 17, a mushaira (poetry evening) will be held; and the concluding ceremony takes place on May 18 at the Starlite Theatre, Doha Entertainment City.

The chairman of the committee is Sikan-dar Zaman Khan; some of the others are Dr Moineddin Khan Sandozi, Mohammad Fasihuddin Khan, Naseeruddin Atoom, Dr Venkat Rao Naidu and Inder Sen Reddy. The month-long programme of activities has been sponsored by Hyderabadis businessmen Mohammad Hoshdar Khan and Shahin Hussain Khan.



Actors who have come from Goa are: (Top standing from left) Mini Mario, Xavier, Antonio, Louis, Isipiri, Jaiju, Gaspar, Evangelista. (Sitting from left) Mingu, Clara, Estey, Roseferns, Succorina, Francesca and Sally

## Out to change people's lives

# Roseferns arrives

By Peter D'Souza  
Arab Times staff

A POPULAR Goan dramatist Roseferns and his 15-member troupe arrived in Kuwait yesterday to stage two Konkani dramas *Xixxe* (Shards of Glass) and *Beiman Tum* (Ungrateful You).

Invited by the Expatriate Club of Kuwait, Roseferns presents *Xixxe* for the first time, and *Beiman Tum* has been shown 75 times.

When asked about the story of *Xixxe* and *Beiman Tum*, Roseferns said: "I am sorry I cannot give you the story of the drama as I always like to keep the audience guessing." But added, "even if one prodigal son or brother changes his life after seeing my dramas, I will feel that I have succeeded in conveying my message."

Roseferns also known as King of Centuries for showing 10 of his dramas more than 100 times has written and directed 21 dramas. His dramas that

crossed 100 performances are: *Thopott*, *Dev Vo Devchor*, *Ghami*, *Arso*, *Maim*, *Poi ani Bhurgum*, *Bailem*, *Xezari*, *Gorib*, *Mog* and *Bhirani* and *Beddo*.

Roseferns first came to Kuwait in 1986 when he showed the dramas *Maim*, *Poi ani Bhurgum* and *Thopott*. He has also shown his dramas in Muscat and Bahrain, and on May 14, he plans to take his drama to Dubai.

With special light and sound effects, *Xixxe* will be staged today at 7 pm and tomorrow at 4 pm. *Beiman Tum* will be staged tomorrow (Friday) at 10.30 am. All the shows will be held at Granada Cinema, Kheitan.

Roseferns says he will be back in Kuwait as soon as his organisers give him another opportunity. In the meantime, he says he was impressed by the hospitality shown to him and his troupe by the present organisers, The Expatriate Club, likes to say *Dev Borein Corunk* (Thank you).



The celebration committee pictured with the Indian envoy.



A Hyderabad girl in a traditional costume welcomes Bhudiraja.

# The Vienna Opera Ball

THE elegance with which Austria has been noted for is perhaps, best exemplified year after year in the world-renowned Vienna Opera Ball. Once a year in February, the Vienna State Opera stages an unforgettable event of ballet, dancing and waltz which has been distinguished in Paris, London and Italy as "a night of the world, a night only Austria can create, a feast of never-ending charm."

The "Operaball" has a long and traditional history which started with Franz Joseph I, considered the godfather of the event. He gave the order to build the Vienna State Opera in 1860, which he envisioned as a theatre for opera, ballet and venue for elegant balls. After its official opening in 1869, operas and ballets were held regularly, and in 1873 the first ball was held at a time when the popular "Masque Soiree" in Paris could not be held due to the political situation.

In 1877, the concept of the "Operaball" was held for the first time, with an artistic programme featuring the Vienna Philharmonic and several celebrity

artists. The son of Johann Strauss conducted the orchestra which played his brother Edward's special composition, the "Operaball Polka". The event was repeated several years later until the Vienna State Opera became a national institution, attended by royalty and the cream of European society.

The grand social event was interrupted in 1899 when Gustav Mahler — himself a famous artist and director of the Vienna State Opera — had to temporarily halt it to remodel the building for security reasons. It later re-opened following renovation in 1921 — only to be cancelled again during the Second World War.

The year 1956 saw the resumption of the "Operaball" with the presentation of Beethoven's "Fidelio". Since then, the "Operaball" has been held in February each year, and to this day, is regarded by Europe's society as the most exclusive social event, and by the Republic of Austria as a national feast, a "state happening" under the direct supervision of the Austrian president. It will now take place at the Kuwait International Hotel on May 12.

## Charity concert

THE Polish Cultural Association will hold two charity concerts on May 16 and 24 at 8 pm at Kuwait's New English School. The classical music programme will feature a piano duo, the chello and violin numbers, a piano quartet and a string trio, all of which will be performed by Polish professionals now working at the Higher Institute of Music.

Kuwait's audience is familiar with pianists Cezary and Anna Overkovicz who will be joined by other lecturers at the Institute including Marek

Bilinski a piano teacher who shot to fame in his native Poland as a composer and performer of electronic music.

Tickets at KD5, will be on sale from Saturday, May 12 at the Mousetrap Theatre daily between 4 pm and 6 pm and on May 16 until 8 pm. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of dialysis machines to treat Polish children suffering from kidney failure.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus	Arabic film	FRIDAY
Al Saniyah	Arabic film	Al Andalus
Hall Booked	Hall Booked	Arabic film
Al Hama	Hall Booked	Arabic film
Time Burst	Hall Booked	Arabic film
Drive-in	Arabic film	Arabic film
Al Firdous	Arabic film	Arabic film
Kala Bazaar	Arabic film	Arabic film
Fahsheel Open	Arabic film	Arabic film
Gharana	Arabic film	Arabic film
Fahsheel	Arabic film	Arabic film
Shato	Arabic film	Arabic film
Al Jahra	Arabic film	Arabic film
Arabic film	Arabic film	Arabic film
Granada	Arabic film	Arabic film
Scrooged	Arabic film	Arabic film
Salaabikhat	Arabic film	Arabic film
Ulsava Pittzmu	Arabic film	Arabic film
Jeeb	Arabic film	Arabic film
Rampur Ka Lakshman	Arabic film	Arabic film
Almadi Drive-in	Arabic film	Arabic film
Arabic film	Arabic film	Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.31 am	FRIDAY
Zuhr	11.44	Fajr
Asr	3.20 pm	Friday Prayer
Maghreb	6.30	Asr
Isha	7.55	Maghreb
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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

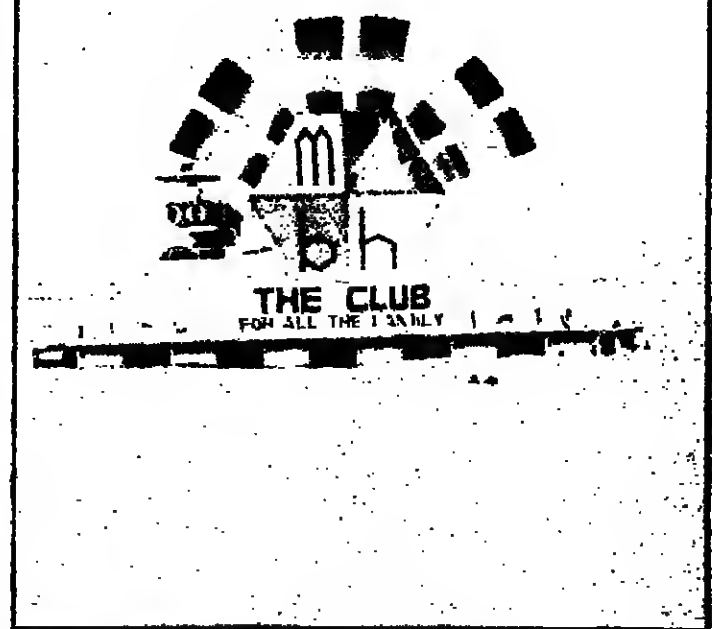
KTV 1	10.10 Daily Arabic serial	Satellite (repetition)
9.00 Opening with the Holy Quran	11.00 Variety news	1.30 Variety programme
9.15 Cartoon serial	11.15 Open university programme	2.00 Songs
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)	12.15 Local programme -- Huwar Wa Nagham	2.45 Animals
	1.00 News in Brief	3.45 Weekly programme -- Liqa Al Khamees
	1.05 World Today via Satellite	5.00 Cartoon serial
		6.00 Historical serial -- Muslim judges
		7.00 With students programme
		8.00 Arts
		8.30 With Islam
		9.00 News in Arabic
		9.45 Daily Arabic serial
		10.35 Arabic feature film
		12.15 Songs
		1.15 News in brief
		1.20 World Today via Satellite and closedown.
		FRIDAY
		9.00 Opening with the Holy Quran
		9.30 Cartoons
		9.45 Cartoon serial
		10.00 Songs
		10.15 Children magazine
		11.00 Religious programme
		11.15 Friday prayers
		12.20 Local variety programme
		1.00 News in brief
		1.05 World Today via Satellite (repetition)
		1.30 Weekly religious talk
		2.15 Weekly variety programme -- Istrian Al Juma

4.00 Arabic serial	8.00 News in English
5.00 Cartoon serial	Beauty and the Beast
6.00 News programme -- Kuwait in a week	Vincent delivers Snow's ring to Eliotte who is warned by his attorney... Eliotte has to continue his investigations on Cathie's case.
6.30 Weekly programmes preview	9.30 The Bill Cosby Show. "Ostin" and his wife on one side and his father-in-law on the other side have to solve differences.
7.00 Cultural serial	10.00 Just for the record. Dangerous sports. Clubs for cowboys. The biggest dog on earth. The speediest man on two wheels.
8.00 Family programme	10.30 Feature film. "Promises in the dark". The dilemma of a seventeen-year-old girl who is deserted by her husband and suspects that she has a bone cancer....
8.45 Weekly talk	12.00 News in brief
9.00 News in Arabic	12.10 Magazine D'Actualite
9.45 Daily Arabic serial	FRIDAY
10.30 Entertainment programme	6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
11.45 News in Brief	6.10 Police Academy. A cartoon series for children
11.50 World Today via Satellite and Closedown.	6.30 Mr Wizard's World. A variety of magical acts and illusions... training children on how to use or deal with information

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran	7.00 Wild America. "Old Man Muskrat". A look at the Muskrat.
6.10 Police Academy. A cartoon series for children	7.30 The Munsters Today "It's a sad solo world."
6.30 Mr Wizard's World. A variety of magical acts and illusions... training children on how to use or deal with information	Herman invites his friend Willy to lunch. The latter acts in a ridiculous manner.

8.00 News in English	10.00 Just for the record. Dangerous sports. Clubs for cowboys. The biggest dog on earth. The speediest man on two wheels.
8.30 Breaking Away. Recreational and entertainment activities carried out in various parts in Kuwait.	10.30 Feature film. "Promises in the dark". The dilemma of a seventeen-year-old girl who is deserted by her husband and suspects that she has a bone cancer....
8.45 Globe TV. A global TV magazine and video window on the world. Looking out around the planet.	12.00 News in brief
9.30 Weekend: Special hermitage exhibition at Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah museum, recently opened Soul Al Amir, renovated and an entertainment spot Beausoleil group, which was in Kuwait last month.	12.10 Magazine D'Actualite
10.00 Roseanne. The family celebrate Thanksgiving day in the presence of both Rosie's and Dan's parents.	FRIDAY
10.30 Wiseguy. "People do it all the time". Steve, Dan's son-in-law, is helped to work in a construction company. He finds out that the materials are vitiated.	6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
11.30 News in brief	6.10 Popeye and So. A cartoon for children
11.45 Magazine D'actualite	6.30 Walt Disney Film. "Rascal". Sterling attempts to tame a racoon which causes



## Kuwait 4th Annual Raft Race

Under the patronage of the Governor of Kuwait City, Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah, Messilah Beach Hotel will hold its annual raft race for the 4th consecutive year on Friday, May 11, 1990. The event is sponsored for the second year running by the Kuwaiti Danish Dairy Company (KDD) and promoted by Winston cigarettes and Jashanmal & Partners Ltd. Rival teams are busy preparing rafts and planning tactics for the different category of races. Entertainment throughout the day includes live music by the Rainbow Band and others. The day also includes games for children, stalls, BBQ and snacks and a Grand Draw on the entry tickets with many valuable prizes to be won. For inquiries you may contact 5624111, ext 711, 712, 739.



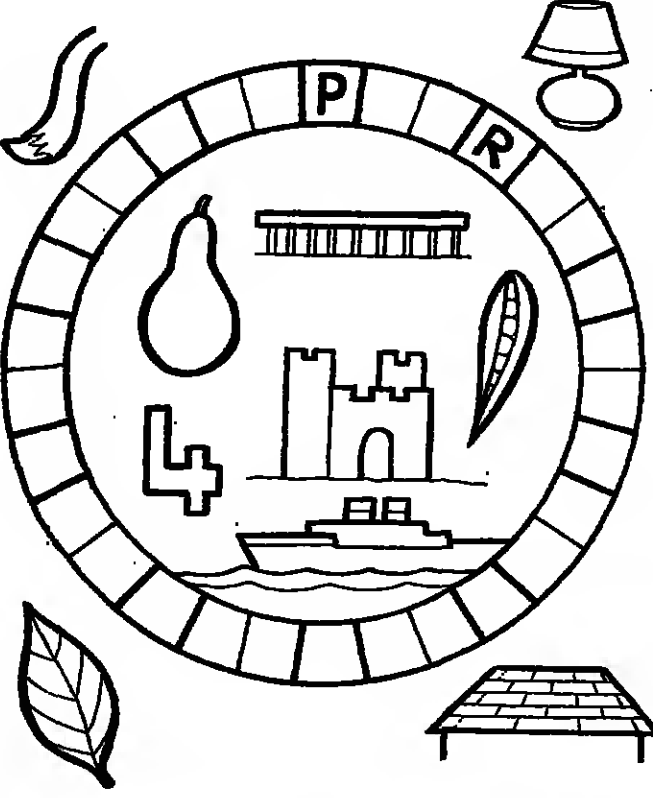
Dear Junior readers,  
Most of you eat at least three meals a day. Sometimes you argue at what you are fed because you don't like it. And sometimes you take seconds.  
Have you ever stopped and wondered how food gets its taste?  
The whole process of tasting is actually quite a complicated thing. First, we start the taste buds, tiny wart-like bumps on the tongue called "papillae." An individual has

about three thousand taste buds.  
We taste when the molecules in a fluid strike the hairs in the taste buds and produce a reaction. Only substances in solution, where the atoms move about freely, can be tasted. A glass ball, for example, has no taste.  
Anything that makes atoms move faster intensifies taste. Heat does this and that's why hot coffee has a more bitter taste than cold coffee, and why meat tastes better

when it is hot.  
Our taste buds register three or four different sensations: sweet, salt, bitter, and perhaps also sour. Different parts of the tongue are more sensitive to different tastes. The back of it is more sensitive to bitter, the sides to sour and salt, the tip to sweet.  
Since almost all our foods are composed of various substances, they produce mixed sensations of taste. An apple is sour and sweet. And the taste sensation itself is a

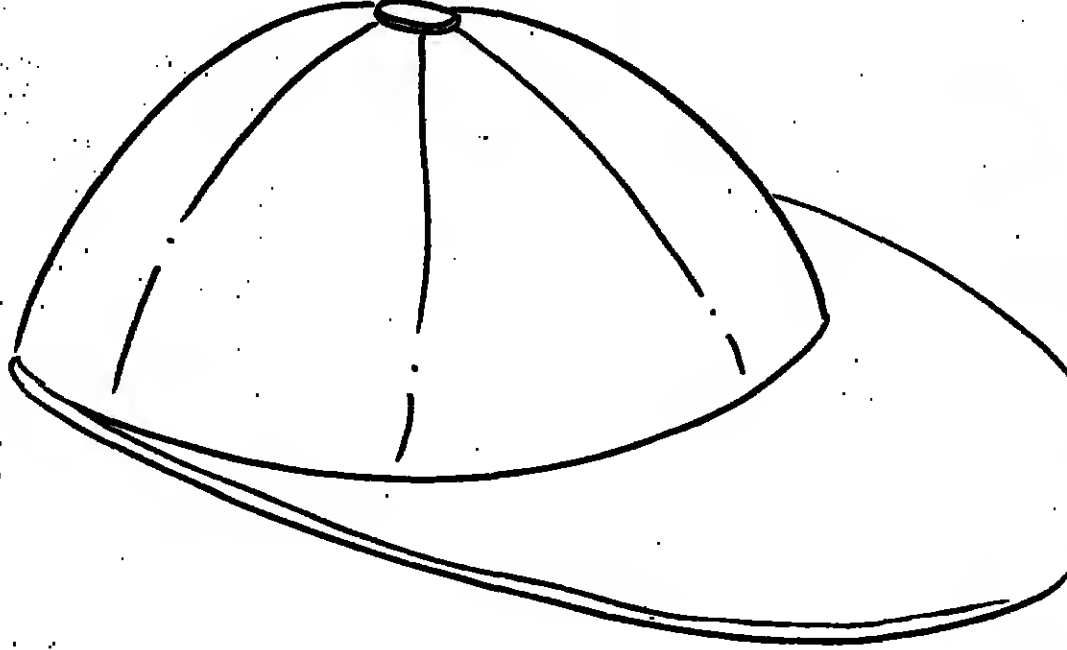
mixed sensation. There is no pure taste. We experience pressure, cold, heat, odor impressions as we taste. The combination of many sensations results in what we call the taste of food. And at least half of what we think of as "taste" is really odor! Coffee, tea, tobacco, apples, oranges, lemons, and other things really stimulate the sense of smell, as we enjoy them more than the sense of taste.  
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### Circle Fun



Using the picture clues fill in the circle. The last letter of each object is the first letter of the next.

### Colouring time



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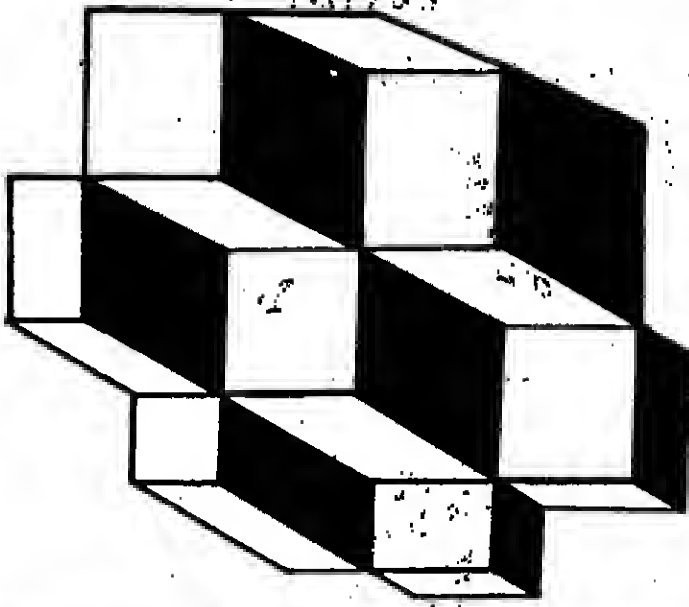
### Knowledge

Knowledge is the thing which we get in school.  
The person without knowledge is called a fool.  
Knowledge is given to us by teachers.  
Sometimes persons with knowledge become preachers.  
Knowledge is important to us.  
In our daily life.  
As it is an important part.  
In every person's life.  
So try to gain more knowledge.  
Day by Day.  
And you will become an important person.  
Some day.

Maimuna G. Chinwala,  
New Indian School.

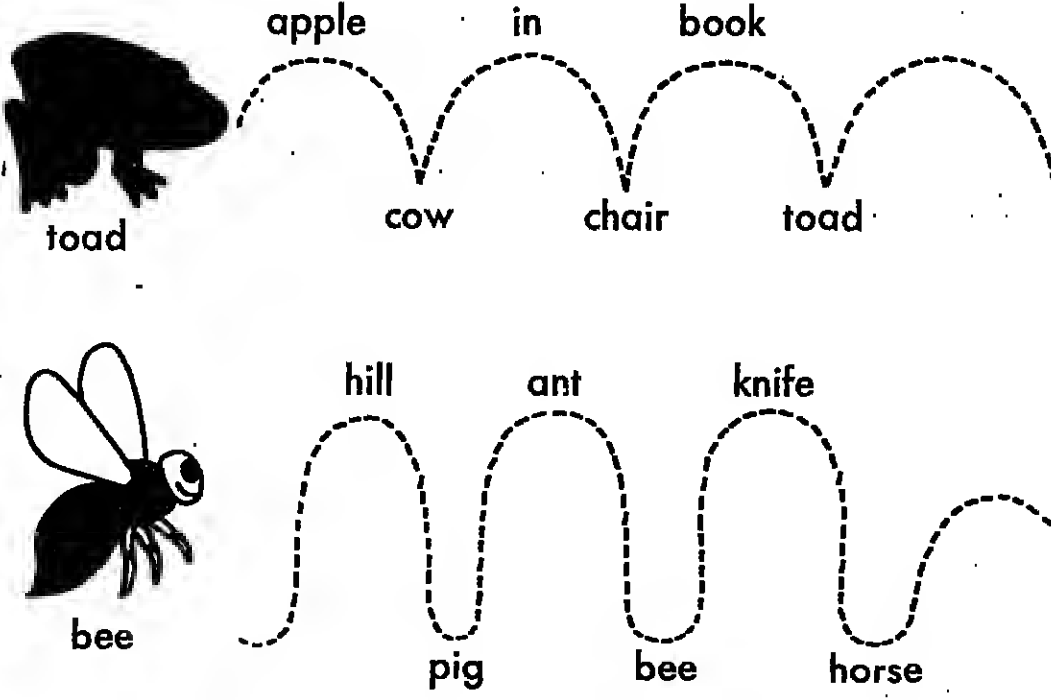
### How many Boxes?

How many boxes can you see in this picture?

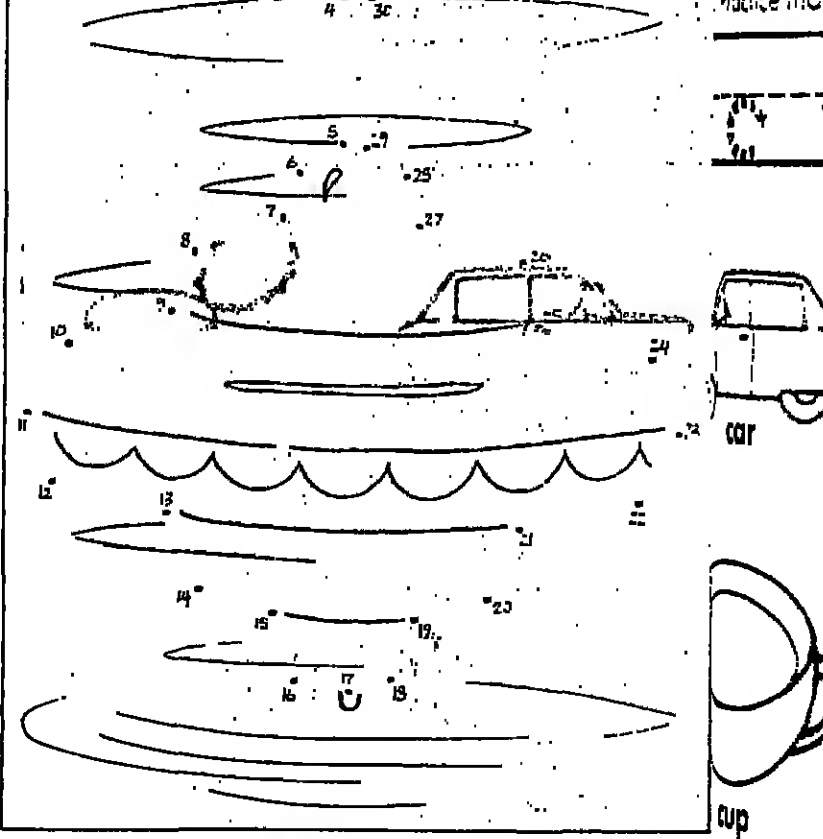


### Recognizing the names of animals

The animals are hopping and flying in search of their names.  
Follow their paths with your pencil. Stop when you find their names.



### Round and Round

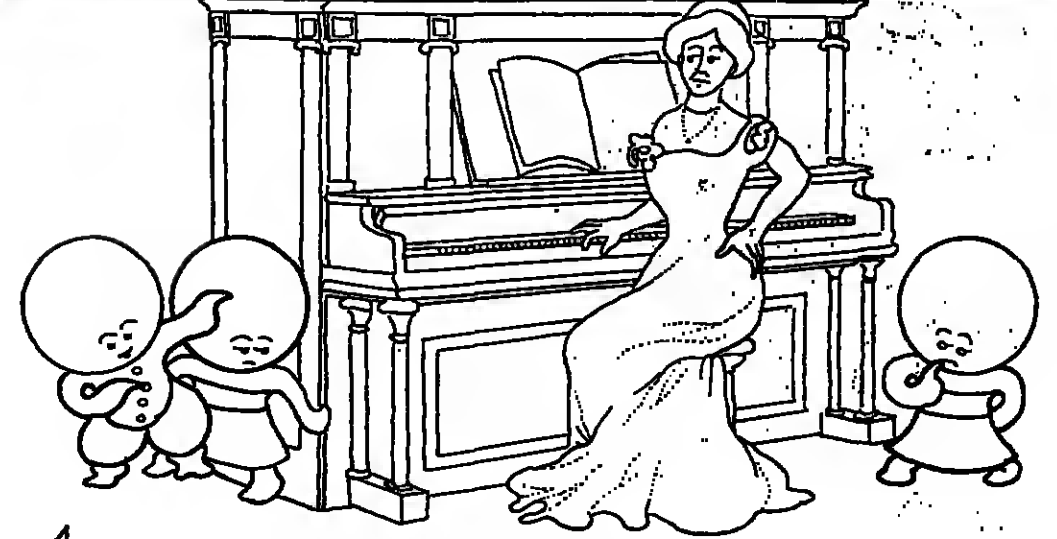


### HEATED WORDS

How do you keep your house warm? Whether you're a back-to-the-lander, chopping wood for the fireplace, or a modernist with a solar heating system, you'll be familiar with these "heated words."

BURN	FIRE	KEROSENE	RADIATOR
BUTANE	FUEL OIL	METHANE	SOLAR
CHARCOAL	FURNACE	NUCLEAR	SPACE HEATER
COAL	GAS	OIL	STOVE
COLD	GASOLINE	ORE	SUN
COOL	HEAT	PILOT	WARM
CORD	HOT	POWER	WATER
COST	HYDROELECTRIC	PROPANE	WIND
ELECTRICITY	INSULATION	RADIANT	WOOD
			WOOD STOVE

### The Goops again



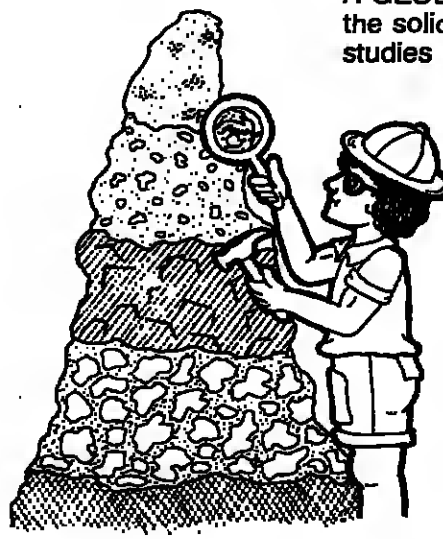
### PIANO TORTURE

PIANOS are considered toys  
By Goops, and naughty girls and boys;  
They pound upon the keys,  
They lift the cover up, on top,  
To see the little jiggers hop,  
And both the pedals squeeze!

But instruments so rich and fine  
(Especially if they're not mine)  
I ought to treat with care;  
So when my elder sister plays  
She'll find it is in tune always,  
Nor injured anywhere!

### Careers With The Changing Earth

Do you think the Earth is interesting to learn about? Would you like to have a job learning about the changing earth? Some people do! Here is a job for people who like to learn about the Earth.



A GEOLOGIST is an Earth scientist. A geologist studies the solid outer crust of the Earth. A geologist also studies the liquid inner mantle of the Earth.

A geologist can study rocks to find out what animals lived long ago. He or she can find oil and metals we need. A geologist also studies earthquakes and volcanoes.

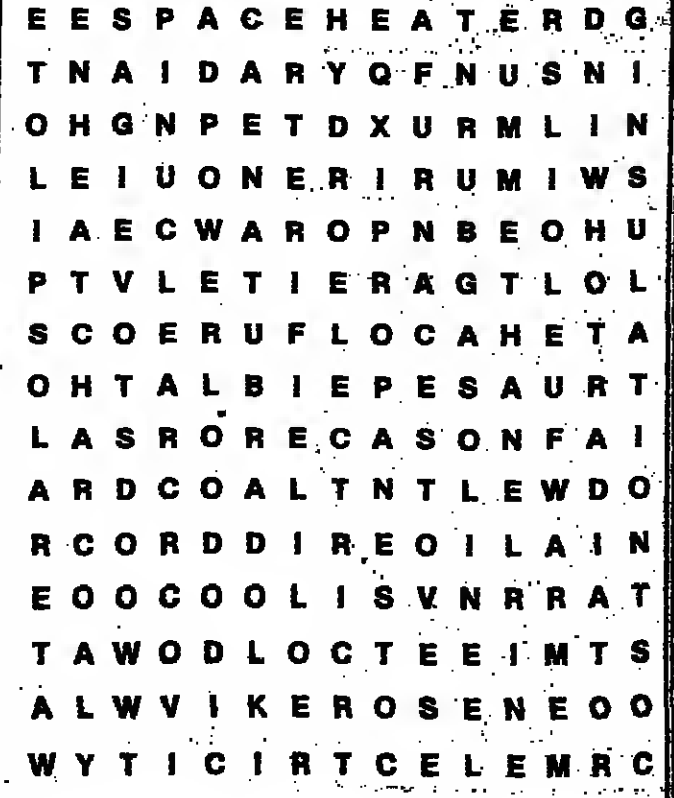
Answer these questions about what a geologist does. Then color the picture.

1. A geologist studies the solid outer c and the liquid inner m of the Earth.
2. A geologist can study r to find out what animals lived long ago.
3. A geologist can find o and m.
4. A geologist studies e and v.

#### FIND OUT MORE!

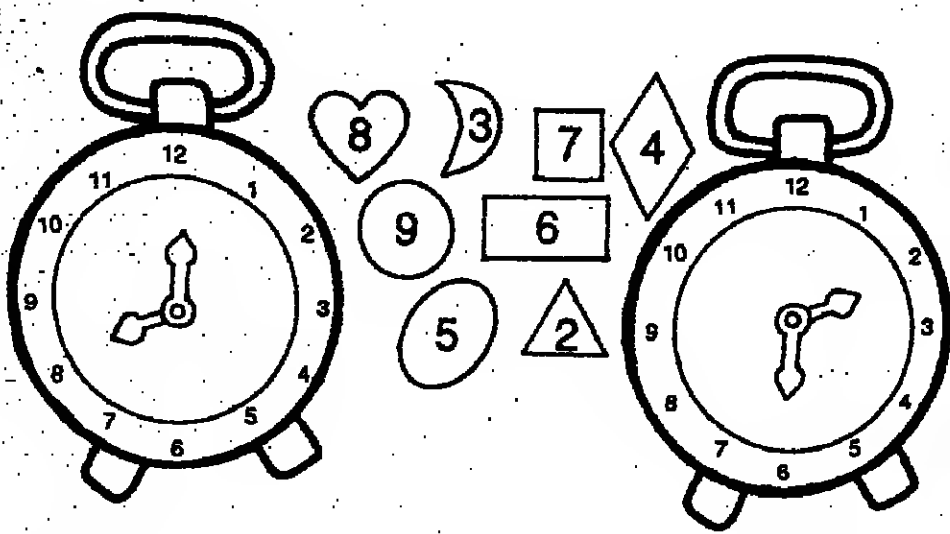
Many geologists pick parts about the Earth that they like to study most. Here are four special jobs that geologists do. Look up each one in the encyclopedia and write what each special job is.

1. PALEONTOLOGIST \_\_\_\_\_
2. MINERALOGIST \_\_\_\_\_
3. SEISMOLOGIST \_\_\_\_\_
4. VOLCANOLOGIST \_\_\_\_\_

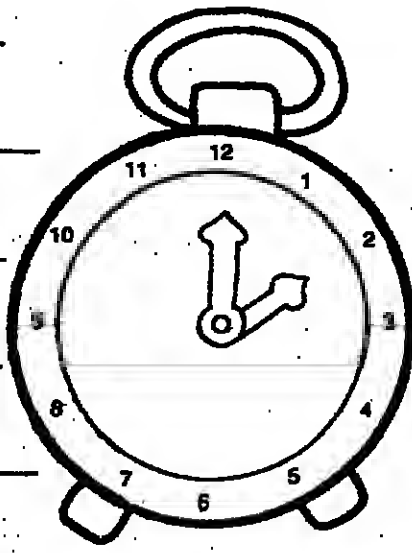




## Clocks



Heart - Moon =           
 Square - Diamond =           
 Square - Triangle =           
 Diamond - Moon =           
 Circle - Heart =           
 Circle - Triangle =         



Use the "shape key" to find the answers.

## Happy birthday



Manar Al Sharbani turns 1 this month.



Ranjeni Sabarinathan turned 9 on May 7.



Pardeep Brar turns 10 on May 11.



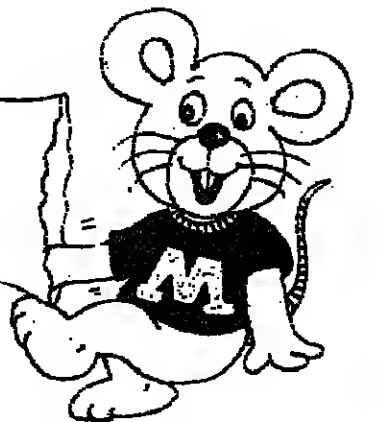
Dimple Bhatia turned 5 on May 9.

## Amazing facts

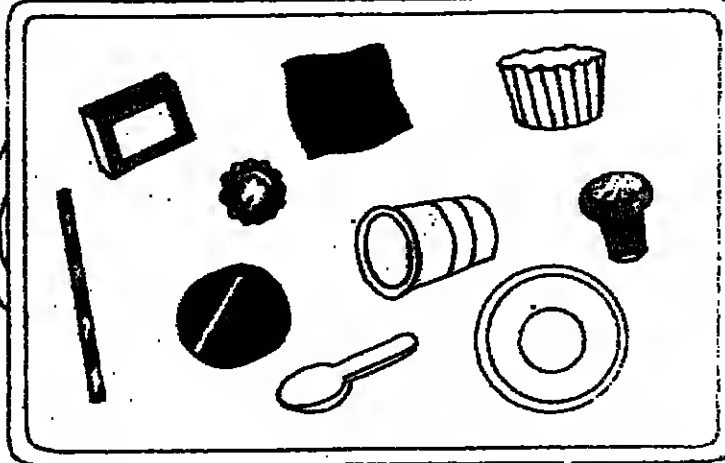
The kangaroo is an odd-looking animal, but the reason it is called a 'kangaroo' is even stranger. When the first explorers saw one in Australia, they asked a native aborigine what its name was. Not understanding their question he said 'I do not know,' in the aborigine language that is 'Kon-go-roo.'

Edward VII used to weigh his guests after week-ends at Sandringham to ensure that they had eaten well.

## Matching games



Collect two of each of lots of different household junk items.

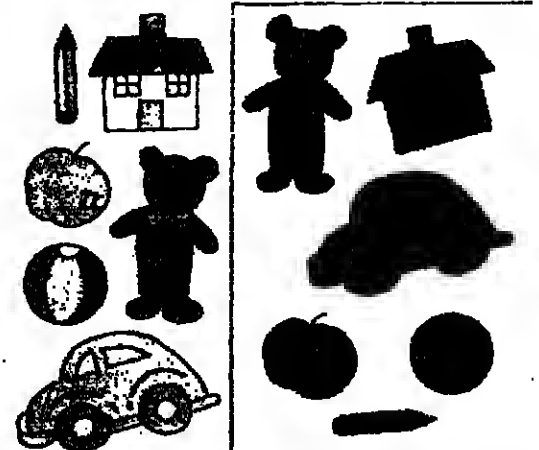


Lay one of each object on a tray and put the others in a bag. Close your eyes, feel in the bag and guess what the object is. Then match it with the same one on the tray.

Cut out pictures with definite shapes from old greetings cards.

Draw round these on a sheet of paper and colour black to make shadow pictures.

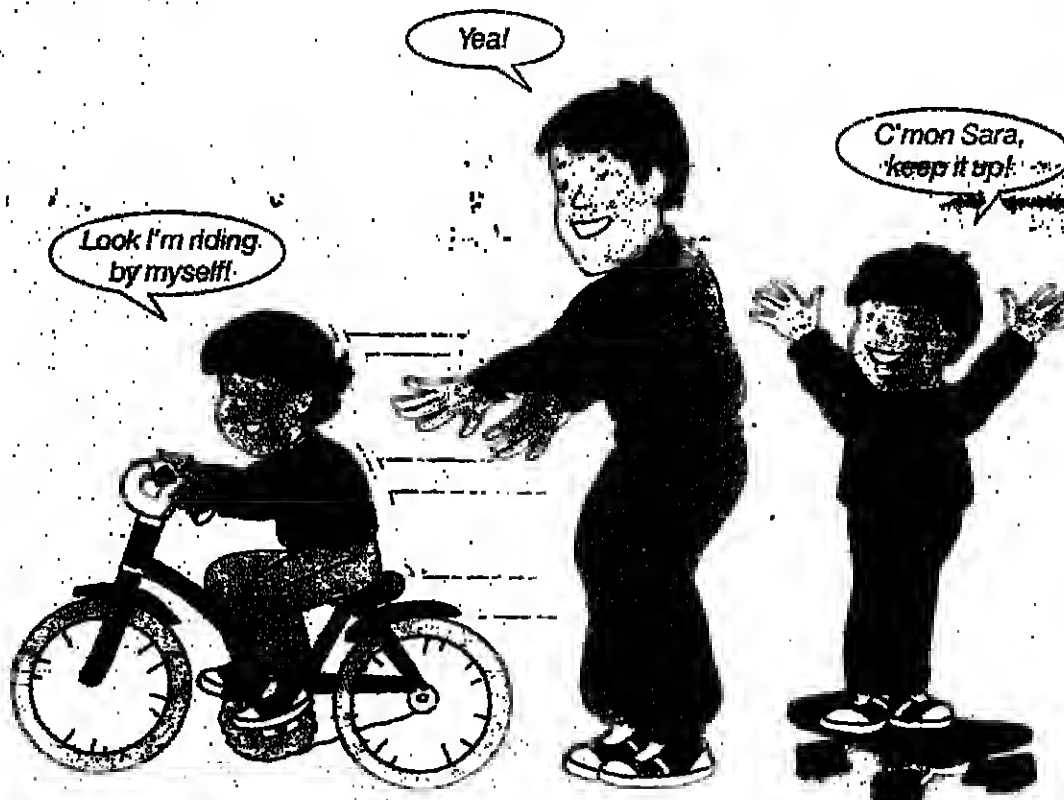
Now match the colour picture with its black shape.



## Questions you'd like to ask

### Does it matter if I don't do things right the first time?

No—it's unusual for someone to do something right the first time. Think about learning to ride a bicycle. It takes a lot of practice. You try and try, and suddenly one day you can do it. What is important is to keep trying until you succeed.



## Firsts and lasts

The last time that British soldiers fought in scarlet uniforms was in the 'Ashanti' campaign, fought in what is now Ghana, in 1895.

The first 'cardigan' was named after the Earl of Cardigan who made it fashionable in the late nineteenth century. He is most famous for having led the Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War.

The first vacuum cleaner was made when Hubert Booth saw a machine trying to clean a railway carriage by blowing air. He thought that sucking would be better, and tried it out with a handkerchief over his mouth on his carpet!

X-certificate films were first introduced in Britain in 1951.

The last time a lance was used as a weapon in the British cavalry was as recently as 1927.

The Greek god 'Pan' first gave the name of panic to the English language. He was the god of shepherds and used to jump out and frighten tired travellers, so the word 'Panic' came to mean sudden fear.

Parking meters were first introduced in the American state of Oklahoma in 1935.

On 19th September, 1897, a taxi driver, George Smith, became the first motorist in Britain to be convicted of drunken driving.

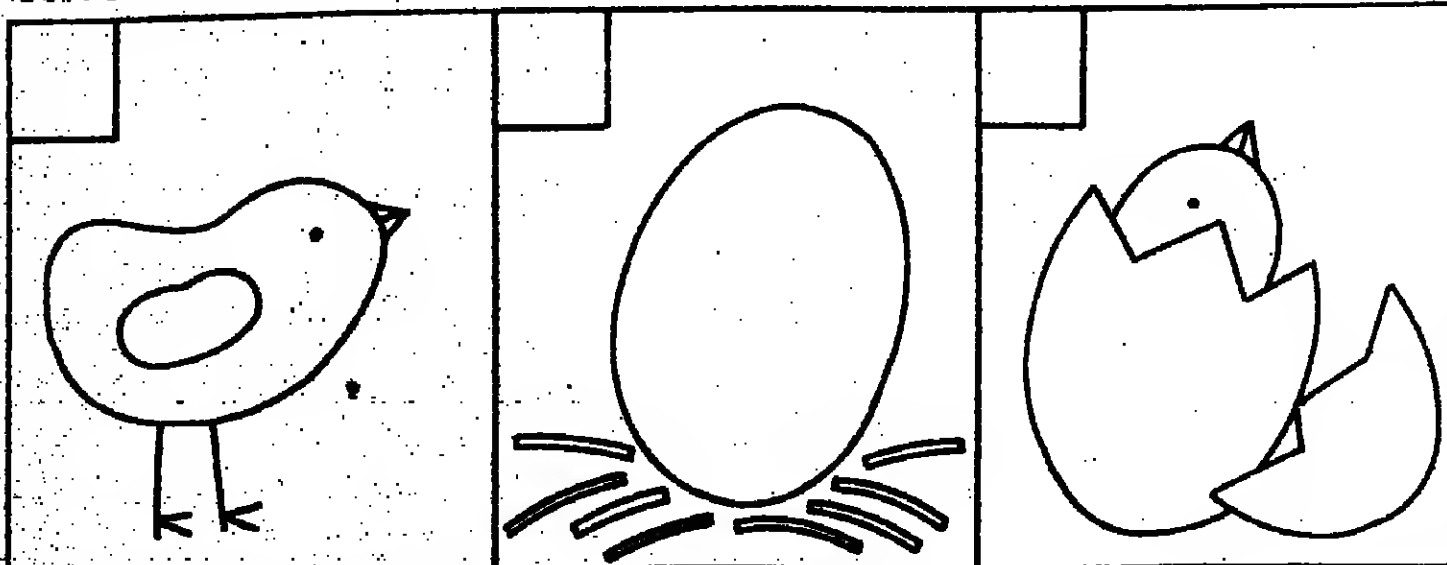
## What's missing?

Spot the six things that are missing in this picture.



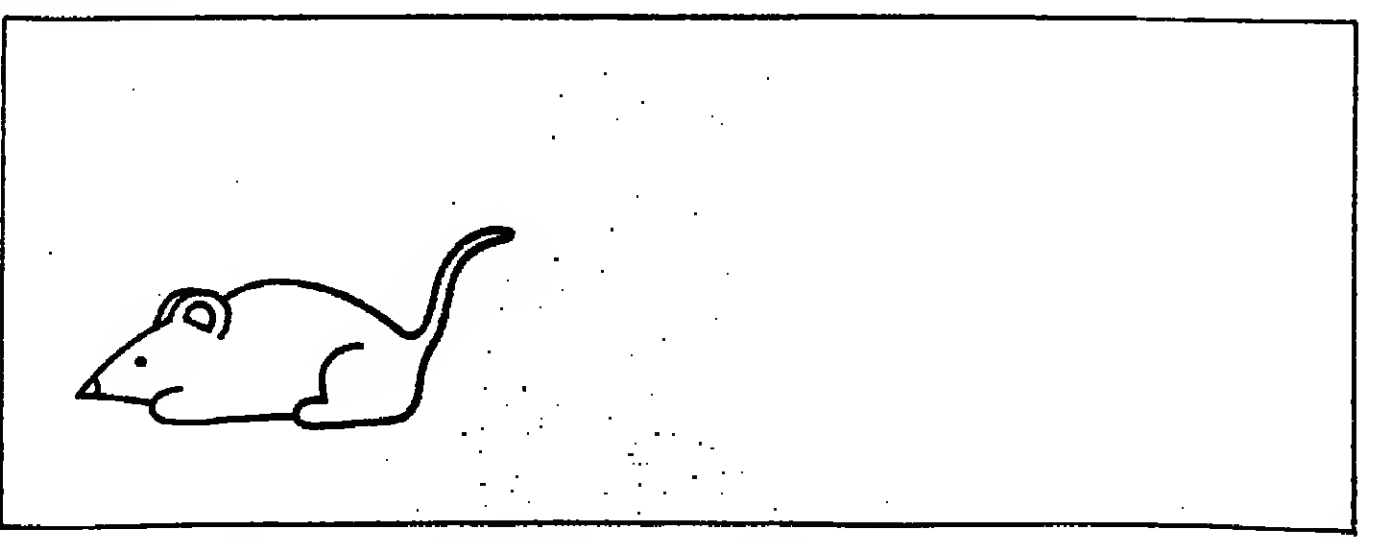
## The right order

Number each set of pictures 1, 2 and 3 so that they tell the story in the correct order.



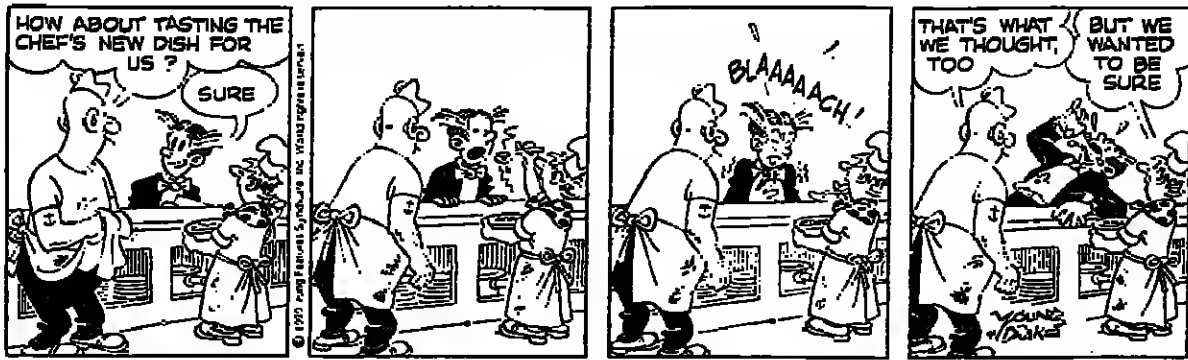
## The biggest to the smallest

By each animal, draw a **small** one. Now draw another one even smaller.





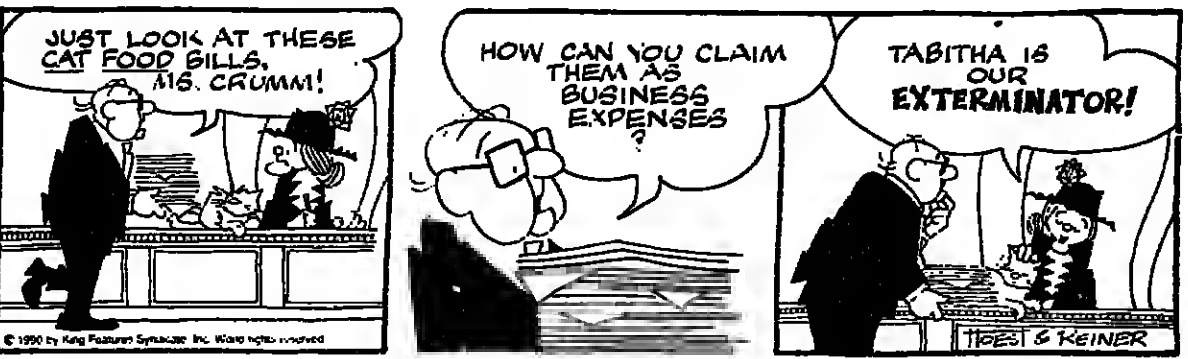
## BLONDIE — By Dean Young &amp; Stan Drake



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE — By Dik Browne



## AGATHA CRUMM — By Bill Hoest



## BEETLE BAILEY — By Mort Walker



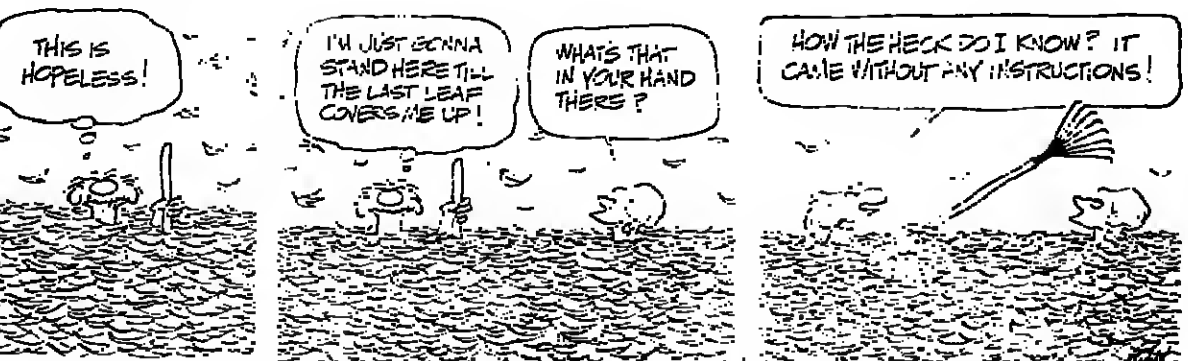
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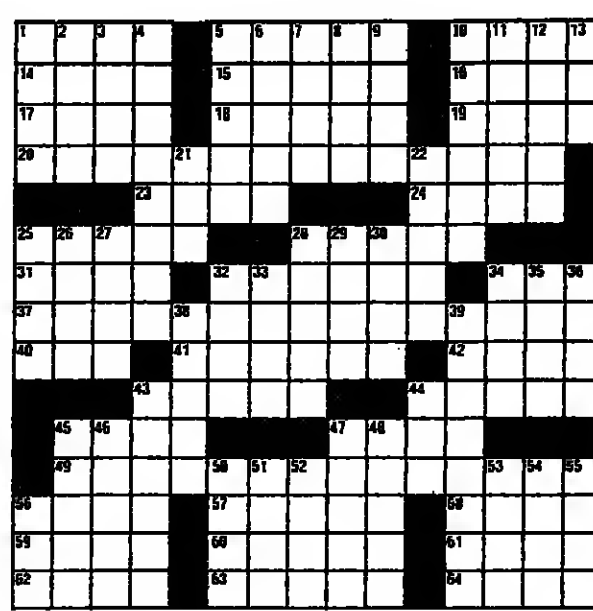
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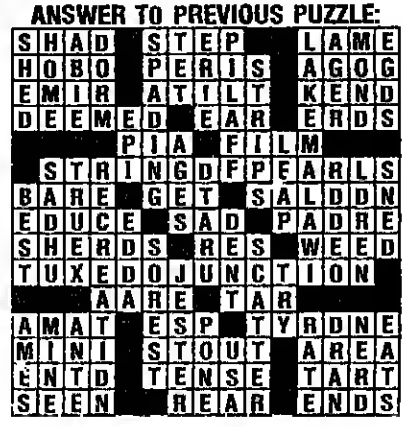
## HE-MAN — By G. Forton &amp; J. Shull



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Shape
  - Did cobbling
  - Has dinner
  - Lotion
  - Ingredient
  - Like a lot
  - Chief Egyptian deity
  - Laugh
  - Sussex river
  - Work from the Bard, with "The"
  - Toe woe
  - Will's wife
  - Take the stump
  - Counts calories
  - Unadulterated
  - Warms
  - It's often cast
  - Dante opus
  - Salad ingredient
  - God of love
  - Matric weights, for short
  - Napoleon on Elba
  - Colleagues
  - Italian wine district
  - Saroyan novel
  - Where Greek met Greek
  - Kaffeekeitch treat
  - Brainstorm
  - Hang fire
  - Rocker — John
  - Ardu
  - Bellucose god
  - Bias
  - Fashion magazine
- DOWN**
- Writer Connelly
  - Mixed bag
  - Item for a weaver
  - Saw
  - Nymph chaser
  - "— a Grecian Urn"
  - Bread unit
  - Anagram for seer
  - Bambi's kin
  - Tableware
  - Part of a street sign
  - Dated
  - Haggard title
  - Forest creature
  - Hoffman role in "Midnight Cowboy"
  - Chooses
  - German mining region
  - Rug type
  - Patron saint of France
  - Provokes
  - Emulate Dürer
  - Grandparental
  - Resort near Venice
  - Actress Moore
  - Matinee
  - Fictional Jane
  - Setter or terner
  - Maka the most of
  - Works on dough
  - Like's command
  - Complete
  - Aries' river
  - Composer
  - Bruckner
  - Hound's forte
  - Salt Lake City team
  - Gulf of Greece
  - Biographer
  - Leon
  - Transaction
  - El's campus
  - Health club



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠K 109872 ♠Q975 ♠Q96

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?  
A.—Your intermediates are rather attractive, but your singleton king of spades is not as advantageous as it might seem — to draw trumps, partner must waste an entry to get back to his hand. All in all, we prefer a slightly conservative pass.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AK8 ♠Q54 ♠Void ♠A109653

The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—Since North surely has a five-card spade suit for his free bid of one spade, you have located an eight-card major fit. However, there's no need to go jumping yet. Continue painting a picture of your holding with the reverse bid of two hearts.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠QJ9 ♠A85 ♠83 ♠KQ932

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—Your spade fit has improved your hand, and you certainly intend to reach game. But you might have a slam, and you don't want to jump in spades with only three-card support. You can suggest slam and more clearly define your support by first bidding three-clubs, then raising spades next.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠QJ9 ♠A85 ♠83 ♠KQ932

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—If you only bid three spades, partner might think you are simply taking a preference, perhaps with a doubleton spade. You can show your good support by jumping to four spades now. Cue-bidding the ace of hearts before supporting spades would be too pushy.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠AQJ652 ♠AK954 ♠7 ♠3

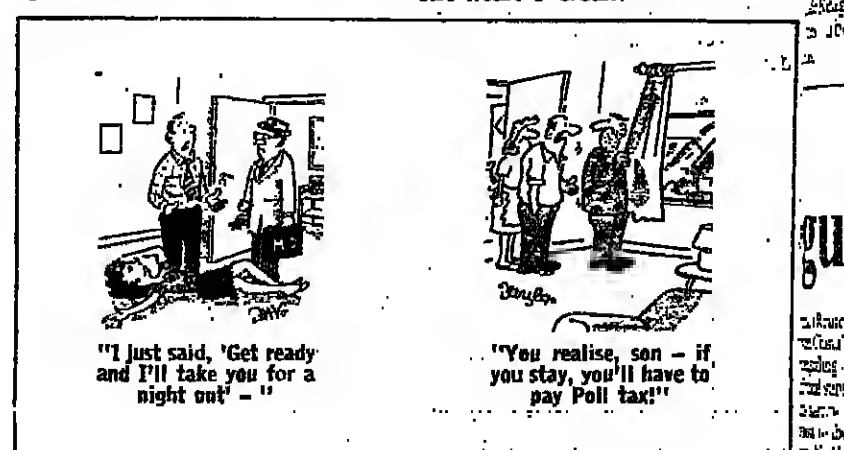
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?  
A.—You certainly want to play in game in one of your suits. However, a jump to three hearts by you would show a hand with more in high cards and less in distribution. You can best describe this type of hand with a jump to four-hearts.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AJ5 ♠AQJ653 ♠Void ♠A762

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

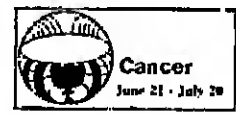
What do you bid now?  
A.—Had the opening bid been one diamond, a takeout double followed by a bid in hearts would have described your hand perfectly. But after a one club, a takeout double with a void in one of the suits you are promising courts disaster. Our vote goes to a slightly conservative one-heart overcall.



## YOUR STARS



**Aries**  
March 21 - April 19  
You should make sure you eat a diet with an adequate vitamin and mineral content. Your attention is liable to wander and you should do all you can to avoid this trend. Avoid idle chatter and do not pay too much attention to gossip either. Be courteous.



**Cancer**  
June 21 - July 20  
Everything will tend to take longer than you had hoped so make sure you do not squander time. And do conserve your energies too. However, that does not mean you should be lazy or inactive. Be on your guard.



**Libra**  
Sept. 21 - Oct. 22  
Do your utmost to keep things simple: there is nothing to be gained from creating complications. Do not make out that you are an expert on a subject that you do really not know all that much about. Respect convention but do not be adhered too slavishly to it. Be more tolerant.



**Capricorn**  
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19  
Try to avoid being vague and to ensure others have understood what you mean. Do not take long for granted and love as much as you expect to be loved. A decision is best taken early before you grow tired. Be consistent.



**Taurus**  
April 21 - May 20  
Not everything will be to your liking but you should try to make the most of things. Just think of how much worse things could have been. You should avoid being too fond of the sound of your own voice. Be reasonable.



**Leo**  
July 21 - Aug. 22  
You should not allow your principles to desert you. And if you feel what you are about to do is even slightly wrong do think again. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be moderate.



**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
You are more liable to make mistakes, so do check what you have done yet again. Do not spend too much time on secondary matters. Nor should you spend too much money on extravagances. Be loyal.



**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
There will be yet time to correct an error, but better to avoid making it. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 28. You should have more faith in yourself. Avoid thinking the worst of others, or else they will do the same. Be attentive.



**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 20  
If you are not quite sure then do examine the alternatives most carefully before deciding on what to do. You should not be opposed to change, but do not make changes just for the sake of novelty. Do your best to avoid waste and pollution. Be alert.



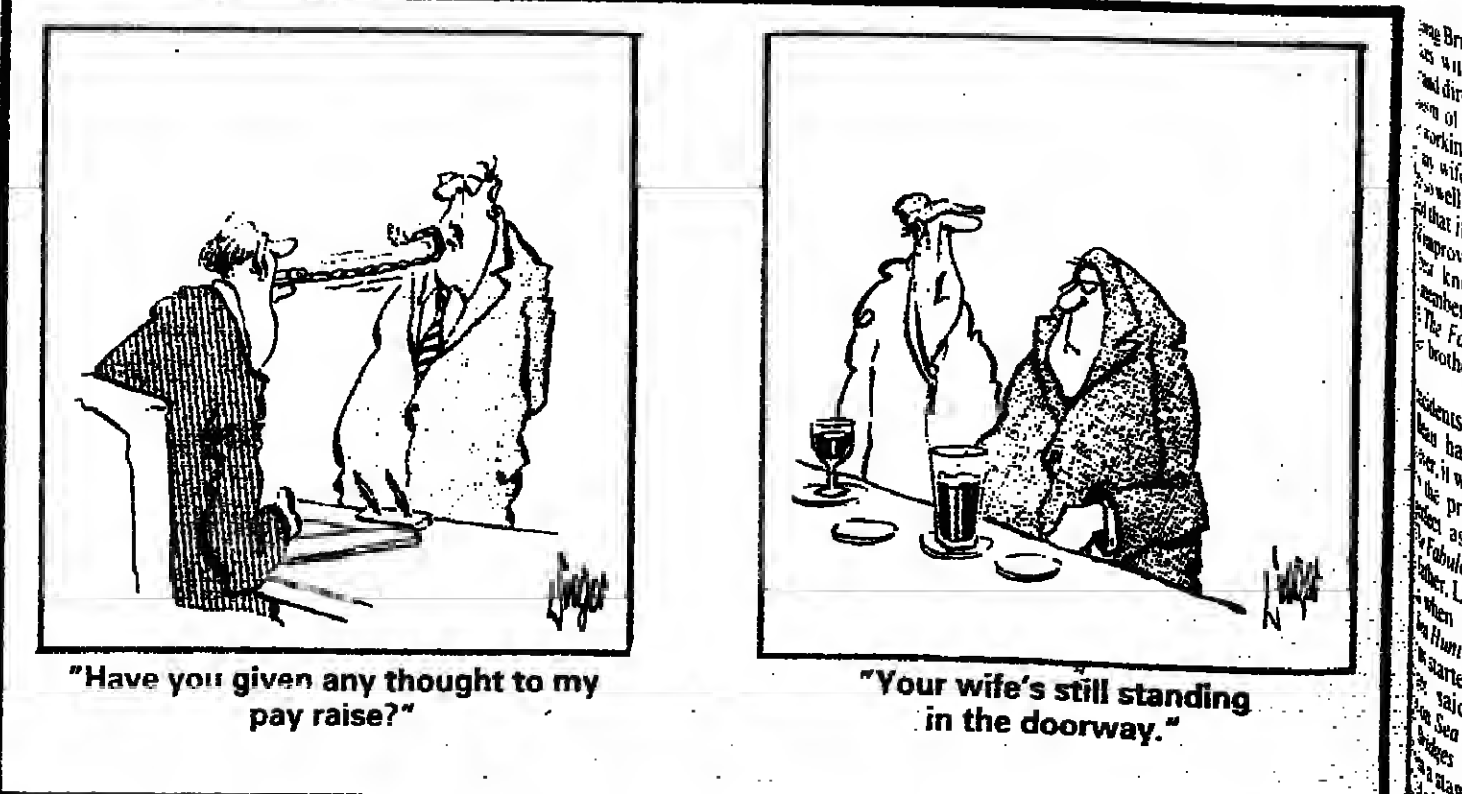
**Virgo**  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  
Make sure you have not left anything that you ought to have done undone. Things are not quite what they seem to be so look a little beneath the surface. Make sure you are suitably dressed for the occasion and the weather. Be tactful.



**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
A hobby, fascinating though it is, should not be allowed to become an obsession. You should show a little more goodwill towards others. Make sure you keep a promise you have made. Be sincere.



**Pisces**  
Feb. 19 - March 20  
You should not allow your imagination to run away with you. Do not try to take the credit for something you have not done. Remember legal limits, if you exceed them you will be the worse for it. Be less impatient.





# Family trees — your root to fortune

By Carlton Stewart

HUGH PESKETT'S favourite pastime is opening cupboards and seeing skeletons tumble out of them.

For he is Britain's most successful genealogist and — for a price — will trace anybody's ancestry back as far as he can. It was he who traced President Reagan's roots back to Ballymore in Ireland and, recently, he showed interest in Eurythmics pop star Dave Stewart's claim to the title of Duke of Northumberland.

But he's not just a genealogist to the stars. "I get an enormous kick out of tracking the obscure ancestors of quite ordinary folk — uniting, for instance, Americans with often very distant relatives in Scotland," he says.

But, with an endearing stutter and a mischievous grin, he adds: "I do get involved in numerous family wrangles over titles and inheritances, too."

The 54-year-old former sheep farmer is not one for disguising the truth and it's a fair bet that Princess Michael of Kent, for one, would be distinctly displeased by Hugh's revelations.

His research has revealed that among her ancestors she can certainly boast John of Gaunt, Philippe of France and Catherine of Castille, the Kings of Savoy and the French Kings Henry II and IV.

More interesting though, says Hugh, is the fact that the Princess's mother, Countess Marianne Kocorowska — a pure-bred Hungarian aristocrat — is a direct descendant of the blood-thirsty tyrant, Vlad the Impaler, who was the inspiration for Count Dracula.

And the present heir to the dukedom of Northumberland, 33-year-old Earl Percy, certainly would not relish losing his inheritance to Dave Stewart.

But Stewart, who says he has a claim to the title, could have an ally in Hugh Peskett. Says Hugh: "Mr Stewart is perfectly entitled to put forward his claim and I would like to see any evidence he has."

"It is not beyond the bounds of possibility," Northumberland is one of those slightly odd dukedoms which was in fact recreated in 1766 so there might be a link somewhere."

But Hugh stresses that he is not just interested in setting cats among ducal pigeons. He made Reagan very happy with his 'discoveries' about the former president's roots.



Research. Hugh traces the ancestors back in the archives



Teamwork. Loving couple Hugh and his genealogist wife Pamela

But before he made any claims official, Hugh spent hours researching. He is very much a genealogist in the fast lane and likes getting out to where the evidence is. So he got on a plane armed with his portable computer, trudging all over Ireland in search of Reagans but only found that Reagan when he reached Ballymore and was able to establish that the former president was a direct descendant of Ireland's monarch King Brian Boru.

And, not to be outdone by his boss, Vice-President George Bush also asked Hugh to do some research: "A family of ordinary yeoman farmers in Essex were his ancestors," he says.

Currently, all his energies are tied up with the nerving case of Pelham Humphries and the Great Texas Oil Gusher.

It has plunged Hugh into what might have been a Zane Grey novel, filmed with leathery stars like John Wayne and Randolph Scott.

The real-life Pelham Humphries went to Texas in the 1830s to seek his fortune, buying up 4,000 acres of marshy land. Sixty years later it was gushing oil — one of the world's richest strikes.

Says Hugh: "The question is: Who owns the oil? Who are the heirs? And, believe me, that's no academic question — even after 120 years. The fortune is worth £2 billion and it is attracting interest at \$15 million a

year. "Some 2,000 people claim to be descendants and say they are entitled to a piece of the action. But are they?"

That is why a group of them are paying Hugh Peskett to find out.

The quest is taking him on a fantastic journey back into the archives of Texas, Tennessee and Mexico. "Blow away the dust of the libraries," he says, "and you are into the world of bar room brawls, lynch mobs, gun fights — and childless old Pelham Humphries sitting on all that land."

He is only too conscious that at the end of the trail he will have made many enemies. Out of the 2,000 claims he reckons that 200 may turn out to be genuine. For the lucky ones, there is the prospect of oil estate legacies of between £75,000 and £7.5 million.

Hugh, too, makes a good mint from his digging into the past. He is a jet-set genealogical Sherlock Holmes and has cornered the world market in round-the-globe ancestral hunts.

It is an obsession which, he will tell you gleefully, has already caused one computer to break down and is well on the way to exhausting the resources of another.

And if the glossy 20th century tools of information technology strike you as a bit incongruous in an ancestor-tracing

Sherlock, then take a look inside the study of his Winchester home. Every inch from floor to ceiling is crammed with the text-books of his trade. There are, among others, dusty volumes on the intimate history of four English Dukes, a French polisher from Dundee and the family trees of all — yes all — the men who defended the Alamo.

Lord dead ghosts from the British secret service haunted Hugh when it came to discovering just who inherited the title of Earl of Annandale back in the 18th Century.

After four years work, he tracked down a missing Jacobite rebel heir who died in Poland, leaving only a daughter to continue the line.

The vital proof turned up, not in Poland, but in Dresden, where military archives outlined how the British spy network had recorded the rebel brother's death in January 1715.

Hugh left Dresden and, to confirm his discoveries, went to the Public Records Office and waded through a stack of reports from the British Ambassador in Poland for the year when the heir is supposed to have died.

He recalls triumphantly: "Eventually, there it was. Not only did it confirm the death, but stated that the man had left a wife and daughter."

Peskett's findings were regarded as nothing less than sensational by genealogists and historians who had beavered away for years on the Annandale case.

What is the edge he has on his rivals? He believes: "Too many stick to the obvious sources — registers of births, marriages and deaths. You've got to be prepared to move around. Tomorrow I could be in the Vatican library getting eyestrain from centuries of archives, many of them in Latin."

"That doesn't worry me. By now I've learnt to plough through them as if they were morning newspapers at the breakfast table."

"And your motto has to be: never give up."

It was fairly desultory research into his own family history that started him off on a job virtually no one else has.

Illness forced him to give up sheep-farming and he started delving casually into West Country records until a prominent local landowner asked him if he could prove his right to an ancient coat of arms. Hugh did it in just two days.



Detective: genealogist Hugh is on the trail of the heirs to Texas oil fortunes

## Conservation

# Boosting genetic diversity

## Interest in rare breeds

FREESTONE, California, (AP): Frazier, the four-horned Navajo-Churro ram, and a flock of sheep look odd, but Hans Peter Jorgensen is serious when he says they can help a world being consumed by sameness.

Factory farming that produces cheap, easy-to-raise "clone-like animals" ultimately presents more risks than benefits, said the manager of the CS Foundation Farm. "It's a short-term gain for a long-term, serious loss."

The situation now is similar to the Irish potato famine of the 1840s, said Jorgensen. In those years a blight wiped out the potato crop and the resulting starvation and disease killed about 750,000 people. Had the Irish relied on more varieties of potatoes some might have resisted the blight and prevented famine, he said.

"That was a crisis in genetic diversity," he said. The danger of losing plant and animal diversity has not escaped agricultural specialists and the US government.

Two weeks ago officials from the US department of Agriculture and major US universities met in Madison, Wisconsin to draft a proposal for a National Animal Gene Bank. The plan for a genetic resources conservation programme that would house varieties of animals will be submitted to congress for funding when it is completed, said Eric Bradford, professor of animal science at University of California at Davis.

Currently, there is much more of a conservation effort made for plants, said Bradford. National and international seed bank exists to protect their variety, he said.

While there has always been an interest in rare breeds and the novel, there is particular concern over loss of diversity in animals kept under intensive production conditions, Bradford said.

Most American eggs are laid by white Leghorn chickens and the majority of American milk is produced by Holstein cows, a species that is also taking over in Europe, he said. Both species are exceptionally productive, leading to a reliance on them.

"When plants and animals are identical genetically, they have the same strengths and weaknesses," said a paper produced by the private, New York City-based CS Foundation.

The CS Foundation, financed by Montana rancher and General Motors heiress Maryanne Mott,

supports various causes its directors believe promote human and cultural survival.

"Our position is: don't throw the genes away, your grandchildren might need them," said Jorgensen. "Extinction is forever; you don't get them (species) back."

"Uniformity engenders vulnerability," the Foundation said in its recent report.

"Between 1600 and 1900, experts estimate that one plant or animal became extinct every four years," the report said. "Today it is estimated that at least one species is disappearing each day."

The Foundation quoted recent studies that show less than 5 per cent of the vegetable seed varieties available in the United States in 1903 are still around.

To protect rare species, the CS Foundation has hired Jorgensen to run a farm on about 15 acres (six hectares) in the town of Freestone.

The farm, about 65 miles (104 kilometres) north of San Francisco, has rare breeds of cattle, horses, sheep, goats and pigs.

But the Foundation hopes to boost genetic diversity preservation through education and "living history farms" to keep rare breeds.

Its targets included the Navajo-Churro sheep and more recently the bronze Turkey.

The Churro sheep has a 450-year history in North America, dating to when they were left behind by Spanish conquistadors who had taken them on journeys as food. But the Navajo Indians began using the Churro — with its long, coarse, double-coated fleece — for ceremonial rugs.

There are only about 50 North American Churras today; but 10 per cent of their rare gene pool is in Freestone's flock.

At Utah State University, Churro sheep project spokeswoman Kristy Selman said the animal is valuable for its ability to resist internal parasites and contagious foot rot, problems traditionally expensive for the sheep industry.

The success of the Foundation's efforts on behalf of the Turkey remains to be seen. The type of Turkey commonly raised by commercial growers has been bred for white meat, an absence of pin feathers and breast muscles so large the poultry can't mate naturally. Reproduction is handled by artificial insemination.

"I think we've taken a little step too far," said Jorgensen while gazing at his flock.

# Beguiling visitors with old Chinese charm

LIJANG, China, (Reuters): Hidden away in a valley in southwest China's Yunnan Province is Lijiang, a town beguiling visitors with old Chinese charm and liberal supplies of marijuana.

Cafes along its narrow, winding streets, in a modest concrete to the beautiful of foreign guests, bear names like MIMI's, All Baba's and the Number 40 Teahouse. They serve pizza and hamburgers and boast of food, "like mother used to make on her good days."

Their clients are mainly Western trekkers seeking some of the mystique for which Kathmandu was famous in the 1960s.

A signboard peeks out from wooden shutters amid the low mud and brick buildings with the invitation: "Try our croquettes. You'll never look at a potato with disrespect again."

Lijiang is a humpy 17-hour bus ride from the provincial capital of Kunming, almost on the edge of Tibet.

In World War II an airfield served as a refueling station for American aircraft bringing supplies from India over the Himalayas, better known as the 'hump' to support Chiang

Kai Shek's struggle against Japan.

In the 1920s Teddy Roosevelt, by then a former US President, ventured here in search of big game. He found it, reducing the now protected great panda population by one.

The rugged, snow-capped peaks of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountains rise above the Lijiang valley, reaching heights of more than 5,500 metres (17,000 feet).

Below live the Naxhi people, a Tibeto-Burman minority who brought their matrilineal culture from Tibet and once were part of the powerful kingdom of Dali.

Naxhi women wear the distinctive dress, figuratively carrying the cosmos on their backs. Quilted capes bear seven discs, symbolising the stars, and reminding the Naxhi of an ancient victory over their Pumi neighbours.

One of Lijiang's attractions to some foreign travellers is marijuana, which grows wild in abundance. It is used by the Naxhi as seasoning for their food and fertilizer for their fields but they are aware of other uses for it.

"In August, during the harvest season, young

Westerners ask where this grows," says the obliging owner of one of the town's cafes. "I understand they smoke it."

A huge statue of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung looks over the centre of town. Perhaps in keeping with the great helmsman's eagerness to serve the people, the base of the statue props up a sign that reads: "A Bicycles for Hire."

Farmers from villages around the region tramp twice yearly to Lijiang's animal fair, when the pace of life quickens ever so slightly.

One group of men sat patiently on a dusty hill, waiting for a sale. Beside them were their 20 mules and donkeys, brought down from a remote village, a five-day march to the North.

"We haven't sold any so far," said a man in his twenties, speaking on the last day of the fair. Asked what he would do if no buyers appeared, he replied: "We'll walk back home."

But there are reminders of less peaceful times here, too.

Fading Chinese characters on the mud wall of a home hark back to the cultural revolution, a decade of left-wing inspired chaos that began

in 1966 and convulsed even this remote town.

"Resolutely return to the schools to make revolution," it reads.

For some, a harsher reality exists than the tranquil town. A few hours' drive from Lijiang, convicts at a labour camp break rocks and push huge boulders out of the way to clear a road. A shy looking Tibetan takes a break from his tasks and confides he is serving 13 years for rape.

Back in Lijiang the calm along the main street is suddenly shattered as a motorcade of police cars cruises by, sirens blaring. Riding on an open truck is a convicted criminal — a stake tied to his back proclaims his name and his crime of murder.

The cars move slowly towards the execution ground outside of town. The truck returns, apparently without him, later that afternoon.

But for most residents — and the odd foreign backpacker — Lijiang is far away from the rest of the world or even Beijing.

"We don't really know much about Beijing," said a schoolgirl. "It's so far away."

# Bridges makes movies a family affair

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Beau Bridges is doing what he likes best, appearing on film with a member of his family, in the hilarious new comedy *Daddy's Dyin'... Who's Got the Will?*

This time his kisser's kin is daughter Emily, 3, who makes her film debut singing a couple of songs in the story of a Texas family's euphoria when the paterfamilias bites the dust.

Perhaps more than any other contemporary performer — including the Fondas, Barrymores and Mitchums — Bridges has worked with more and varied relatives.

The easy-going Bridges estimates 25 to 30 appearances with family members both as actor and director.

"It's nepotism of the best kind," he said. "I love working with my parents, my brother, my wife and children. We communicate so well and know each other's shorthand that it speeds up production time and improves the project."

Bridges' best known collaboration with a family member was last year's box-office smash *The Fabulous Baker Boys* with younger brother (by eight years) Jeff.

In most incidents of Bridges family nepotism, Beau has been the prime mover. However, it was brother Jeff who suggested to the producers that Beau would be perfect as his piano-playing brother in *The Fabulous Baker Boys*.

The boys' father, Lloyd Bridges, began the tradition when he was the star of television's *Sea Hunt* adventure series.

"Dad got us started when I was just a kid," Bridges said. "I made two appearances on *Sea Hunt* and later on *The Lloyd Bridges Show* a couple of times. I was in a stage version of *All My Sons* with dad when I was 6."

"We did a TV special many years ago, too. Then I directed him in two movies, which means I did about eight or nine projects with dad alone."



Beau Bridges, easy going

"Jeff and I co-hosted *Saturday Night Live* and I directed him in a Disney TV special and, of course, there was *The Baker Boys*."

My sons Jordan and Casey have appeared a couple of times each in movies I directed, along with my sister Cindy. I also gave roles to my son Dillon and my wife Wendy who once appeared pregnant with Emily. I can't forget my mother, who also acted in one of my TV movies.

"I'm not the only Bridges who works with the family. Jeff appeared with dad in *Tucker* and our mom worked with Jeff in *See You In The Morning*."

Bridges enjoys recounting the only trouble encountered in a family workout. Many years ago he and his father co-starred in a film on location in Australia. In one particular scene, Beau's mind was wandering. He just wasn't paying attention.

"The scene called for dad to slap me in a close-up," Beau recalled. "Before the

shot he assured me it would be a light slap that would catch the fleshy part of my cheek and wouldn't hurt at all."

"(But) he was feeling I wasn't with it, so when we got to the slap he nailed me, so hard he almost broke my jaw. He was trying to create an emotional effect that would really work on camera."

"I nearly freaked out. It was a good take, but afterward I told him how much it hurt. I said I couldn't believe he had done it. I was fuming."

"(Then) when it came to dad's close-up, I grabbed him by the chest through his clothes and pushed him up against the wall — very hard. He reeled back in pain."

"After the scene we were sitting around and I said, 'God, Dad, I still feel the pain in my jaw. I can't believe you did that.' And he said 'What do you mean, you can't believe it. Look at this.'"

Then he reaches down inside his shirt to his chest and took out a handful of hair that I had ripped off his chest. That must have really hurt."

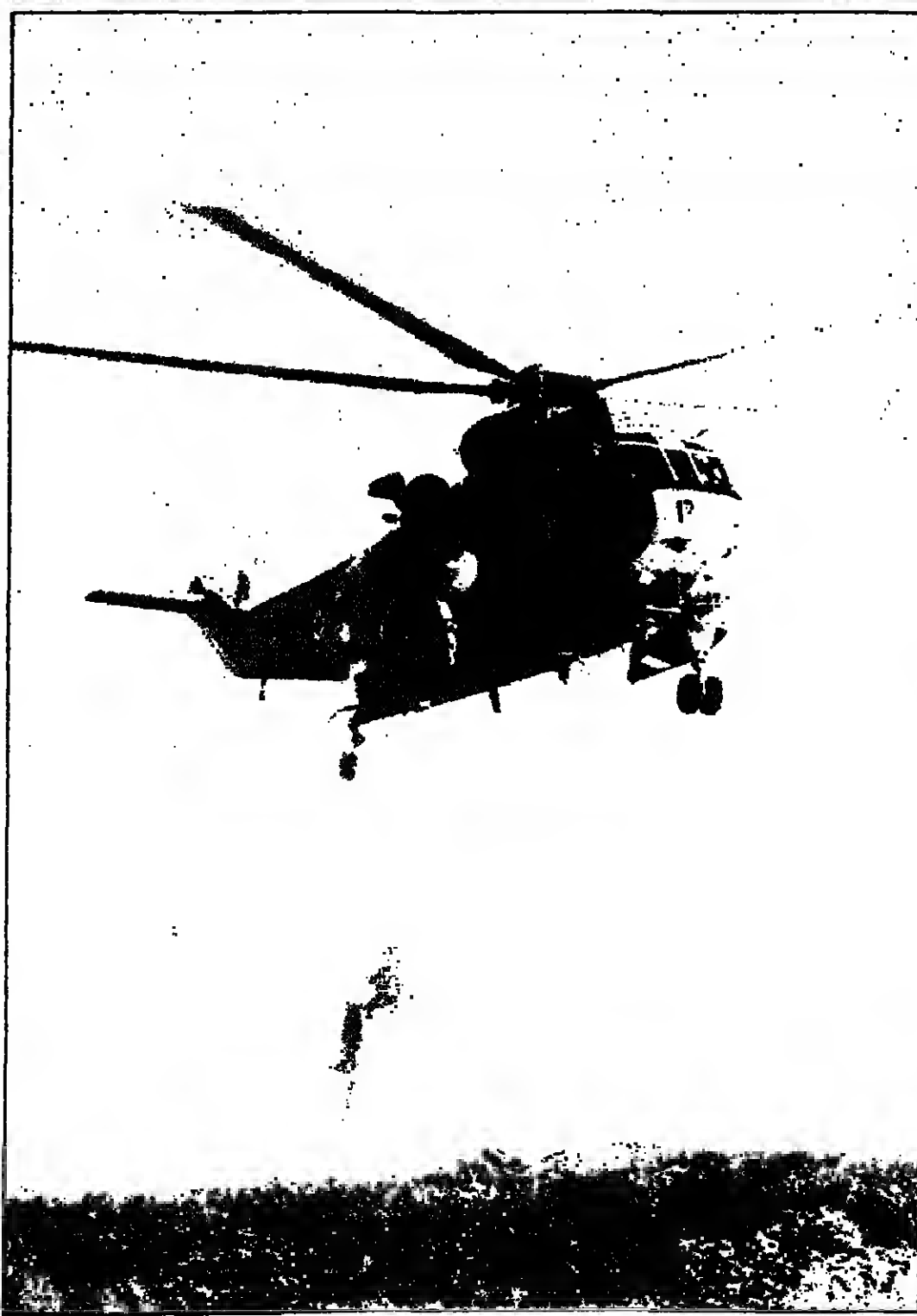
"(Then) there was the time he took me to the set when I was a kid to watch his unforgettable fight with Gary Cooper in *High Noon*. It was a tremendous fight and very complicated. Cooper was ill and they didn't want to do it twice."

"Well they put me up on a catwalk, warning me to be absolutely quiet. The scene went all the way through the fight without a problem until the end, when Cooper grabbed a bucket of water and poured it on dad."

"I laughed my head off and ruined the take. My father was shocked, afraid he might get fired from the picture. They did it again perfectly, but we were all upset that Cooper and the rest of the company would be angry with us."

"Back at the location hotel that evening, Cooper asked our family to have dinner with him. During dinner he never once mentioned the incident on the set."

"Other than that, working with my family has been terrific."



# RAF to the rescue

RESCUES from any type of situation, on land or sea, whatever the weather, are routine for crews of the Royal Air Force's Search and Rescue service, standing watch over an area from the Firths, north west of the Shetland Isles, to the English Channel in the south, and from halfway across the Atlantic Ocean westwards to a similar distance across the North Sea.

Within this vast area emergencies range from missing tourists unfamiliar with dangerous terrain, craggy or fallen climbers, lost children and expectant mothers, to foreign shipping in distress, crashed aircraft and major oilfield disasters. On-the-spot first aid, and communications with HM Coastguard, the police, ambulance crews and the fire brigade (together with European rescue services if appropriate) ensure a rapid and co-ordinated response to any situation — more often than not, saving lives.

Seen here (left) one of 202 Squadron's "D Flight" Sea King helicopters from RAF Lossiemouth in north east Scotland (one of Britain's busiest search and rescue units) goes to the aid of a stranded climber. This aircraft uses sophisticated navigation equipment enabling the pilot to reach distant locations with pinpoint accuracy.

Constant training and a mental attitude synonymous with selfless courage in the face of the most distressing scenes have earned the RAF an international reputation for search and rescue know-how.

At any one time 20 aircraft are on standby at 14 coastal locations in the UK. This plus a rapid response Nimrod patrol plane packed with electronic tracking hardware and able to drop flares and dinghies, offers a reassuring measure of responses to anyone in UK waters or on land.





Discovery: Mithun's new find Anita Nangia.

## Behind the screen

● Sawan Kumar of "Souten" series is not satisfied with searching for new faces in Bombay. So he fixed up a suite in the Holiday Inn at New Delhi and advertised in all the capital's papers saying "Are you the girl Sawan Kumar is giving a fabulous break to, opposite Salman Khan in 'Sanam Bewafa'? If so contact with photographs at .....". He also kept a safe alternative in case the personal response was poor "Or rush photos and bio-data by speed post". The results so far has not been encouraging, and a girl called Rukhsar has been selected.

● With the Ambanis of Reliance Industries being in the news for Touhro take-over and other political matters, the patriarch has asked his sons to keep a low profile. The other boys are not even photographed yet, but Anil Ambani is constantly before the cameras because of his former connections with Tina Munim. When Sunjay Dutt and Ambani were seen together at a party, people revived memories. Sunjay had been very possessive about Tina during the "Rocky" days, but he had forgotten her when Ambani took over and now the industrial prince has also got over that.

● Mithun's zeal for promoting new talents, exclusively female, seems to be unending. Apart from Varsha and Arzoo, he is all for Amita Nangia and recommends her to producers. Perhaps, preserving something for a rainy day?

● Govinda wants to play to He-man Dharmendra

at any cost, even at the cost of getting beaten. There were some gate-crashers at the shooting of his "Apmaan Ki Aag", who bribe the gate-keepers for entry. They began behaving like ticket-buyers and made dirty comments about the Virar Boy and his heroine Sonam. Govinda started to beat them up "Dhishum dhishum" and was about to be overpowered when the studio manager and watchmen broke up the fight.

● Directors who come too close to their young heroines end up in hospital. Ramesh Sippy's affair with Kiran Juneja was going on well after his wife's leaving the house. But the man had a heart stroke and got bed-ridden in a clinic for weeks. Rajiv Rai wooed and vowed eternal love to Sonam. But he has to cool his heels with a bout of malaria. Industry people said "If this touch of Sonam can cause malaria, Aage aage dekhiye hata hai kya (let's see what happens next)."

● Heroines doing bold rape scenes and sexy dances must take a lesson from what happens to Meenakshi Sheshadri at a location for "Naacher Naagin Gali Gali". The heroine was dancing to the required steps, when a village yokel Vishwanath Mishra jumped on her and started molesting her, while she kept fighting back. The onlookers thought it was a rape scene being filmed and stood watching, till a unit-vala intervened. But Meenakshi's mother decided not to file any complaint about it. Strange?



Sunjay Dutt and Anil Ambani: common ground.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I'm always nervous when it comes to my health, more so these days as I wait the day for my cataract surgery. My doctor has been very accommodating, and explained about the insertion of a new lens. I'm going to have a new lens put in, but I would like to know the truth about my chances for a good result. Would you please oblige me with one of your clear explanations?

ANSWER: You probably have no reason to be nervous about the operation because cataract surgery is currently the most common major surgical procedure performed on people over 65 who are on Medicare. Most of the operations are very successful and a very high percentage of those who have lens implantation report a big improvement in their vision.

One study reported the results of cataract surgery with lens replacement on patients between the ages of 70 and 95 years old. Before the operation, 91 per cent of the participants rated their own vision as fair or poor. Four months after the surgery, 66 per cent of the cataract patients rated their vision as excellent or good.

On a more scientific level, the doctors also noted a significant improvement in the participants' vision. Using a more precise means of measuring vision, doctors found that visual acuity after surgery improved from about 20/100 before the operation to 20/40 four months afterwards.

With this recovered vision, your daily chores will be more easily accomplished, and you can return to the joys of reading, which you mentioned in your letter as being so important to your mental stimulation. Good luck, and please let me know how your surgery turned out.

## Study shows excellent results from cataract surgery

Question: There are mornings I just can't get my old bones moving. Strange as it may seem, they either are rainy days or Mondays. Is there any evidence in medical writings that there is more truth than fiction in this commonly held idea?

Answer: While I can't speak for Mondays, researchers are discovering that there may indeed be strong links between the weather and the state of people's emotions. A new term — biometeorology — has been coined to describe this field.

One theory holds that a falling barometer causes the body to absorb more water from the intestinal tract leading to swelling that can add up to an inch to the waistline; the retained water also puts extra pressure on tissues in the brain, leading to irritability and depression in many people. Studies have indicated that people have markedly slower reaction times during cloudy, snowy, or rainy weather than on sunny days.

Another theory states that electromagnetic waves from storms influence activity in the brain, while still others point to the simple physical discomfort of hot, muggy weather combined with increased outdoor leisure time, as leading to increased crime rates in the summer.

Additional studies have linked bad weather with a variety of physical complaints: emergency room records tie the onset of a cold wave with rise in asthma and migraine attacks, as well as colic and strokes. In cold weather, the body tends to crave more fats and calories in order to keep warm. As scientists learn more about the way weather affects people, they may be able to anticipate and prevent many health and social problems.

## Indian Cinema

## Shape of movies to come from Bombay

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

MANY new films are in the pipeline, giving us an indication of shape of things to come.

There are announcements galore. Gautam Sen will direct Jackie Shroff in Shamshu Saha's Hindi-Bengali untitled film presented by Pehlav Nihalani. The only other star who has been signed is Bengal's Prasanna.

Perhaps they may withhold the name of the heroine to create mystery or run a contest for her choice. Rajan Sippy got a lot of mileage by declaring Anil Kapoor as the *Maharaja* and asked the public to select the Maharani. It all ended when Sri Devi signed for the role, but the publicity: "Wanted a queen" generated a cart-load of curiosity.

Another Sri Devi film making waves is *Khuda Gawah* bravely directed by Mukul Anand despite *Agneepath*. The Pathan backdrop and the elaborate costumes are drawing our attention towards *Khuda Gawah*. Sri looks stunningly beautiful in some Muslim dresses, unlike Hema in *Razia Sultana*. But with the Indo-Pak conflicts over Kashmir, such themes and characters are kept low key.

Parallel to Sri Devi, Anil Kapoor figures prominently in many films just released or coming. He has done a nice domestic role with Meenakshi in *Ghar Ha To Aisa*. And after *Kishan Kanhaiya*, his films are eagerly awaited, including his brother's *Roop Ki Rani Choran Ka Raja* with Sri. Meanwhile, somebody else has already marketed a small budget movie *Choran Ki Rani Hasmukh Ka Raja*. It's a small (film) world.

After Anil comes the lovable Rishi Kapoor. Without any drum-beating, he is number two in the present race. *Azad Desh Ke Ghar* with Rekha has hit the market. His *Sher Dil* with Dharam and Kimi is rated as a potential winner with the right dose of action, comedy and music. *Sheshnaag* with Rekha may follow.

Mithun, miraculously afloat despite his share of hits and flops and, has recovered ground with *"Dushman"* in Hindi and Bengali and *"Pati Pati Aur Tawaif"*, in which Salma Agha too has a big stake. At present Mithun is shuttling between Bombay, Delhi and Soviet Union where the co-pro *"Shikari"* is being shot. He also stars with Madhuri in *"Mahapaap"* and with some new actresses in others. But the southern filmmakers have given him a totally new look..... a crew cut, a moustache and a beautiful heroine Sumanlata for *"Savarn Yahan Narak Yahan"*.

Obviously, the Bengali hahu is having the best of both worlds. Vinod Khanna comes up with *"Gorjana"* (Iroar) and *"Pahar Ke Insaan"* with drama and romance. Both have Sri Devi and are progressing fast. But Vinod

Rishi Kapoor and Kimi Katkar in *Sherdil*.

will be at his best in action films like *"Dharam Sankat"* recently shot in Udaipur. Anil Sharma has been creating a "sur" with *"Tahelka"*, mustering the entire star cast to shoot non-stop in outdoors including stars like Dharmendra, Jaya Prada, Naseeruddin, Sanjay Dutt and Sadashiv Amrapurkar.

Good old Jeeendra is not left behind and is happily sandwiched between Rekha and Radhika quarrelling over him in *"Mera Pati Sirf Mera Hai"*. He also fools around with other girls

in the same film. A film attracting notice is a rare Dev Anand starer *"Aman Ke Farishtay"*, the only one he is doing apart from his own *"San Karod"*. Kadar Kashmiri is directing *"Aman"* with co-stars Anand, Ekta, Javed Jaffrey and some guest stars like Hema Malini and Kadar Khun. It is the same film where TV's *"Draupadi"* Roopa Ganguly does a break-dance with Jaffrey.

Mithun holds some special magnetism in West Bengal. So his producers provide for a Bengali version. Now other stars are

following in his footsteps. We already talked of Jackie. But Govinda, the dancing star is also being tried out by Vimal Kumar for *"Kaz Chukana Hai"*. Hindi and *"Rin Shodh"* Bengali. The Bengali dialogue is by Mukul Dutt. The other stars are Kimi, Kadar Khan, Shoma Anand etc. A talked about film Jagdish Mundhra's *"Vish Kanya"*. The makers are from America and will soon go back to do more English movies. The cast has the odd couple Pooja Bedi and Kunal (Monaj) Goswami. The

songs are in the queer voice of Peenaz Masani. And the story about a girl brought up on snake poison. The director recently lit huge fire and blew up a van, apart from filming scenes with the pair and Pooja's dad Kabir.

The other more famous "snake cum Sri Devi" Chatterjee, namely Harnesh Mulhotra is a gag about *"Benjamin"* (Gypsy girl). He took the whole unit to Jaipur along with Sri and Rishi Kapoor last month, to shoot in lovely Sisodia Gardeos and Amber Palace which is now a hotel. Sri Devi had to sing, dance, PETTIT and romance in various colours and dresses and make-up for the director to nearly complete the film. Obviously their spirits are not damped by the flopping of *"Nigahen"*.

After *"Mother India"* and *"Son of India"*, there will now be *"Daughter of India"* which has been launched by Kuku Kapoor. The cast is being finalised. Meanwhile we wonder what ever happened to *"Hindustan Ki Ben"* with Poonam Dhillon, *"India"* with Hema and *"Great Mother"* with Mala Sinha. But the first print of *"Indu Today"* was ready for showing to distributors. Produced - directed by Abdul Sattar and written by Iqbal Khan, it has new artists like Anand, Kochar, Meghna and Hassan Khan. Who knows what will be the fate of this and several such films.

Sri Devi and Surendra Pala in a scene from *Khuda Gawah*.

## Mini Meet: Sri Devi

## If you are happy, she is too!

A star is always more relaxed on outdoor locations than in the studio or a make-up room. Sri Devi was recently shooting in Jaipur and did not mind when a press party tagged along. This gave us a chance to ask her a few questions which in between the dance shots:

How hard do you work on each role?

"It all depends on these gentlemen (she said pointing to the director and writer). If they create a role where the going is tough, I get going by making myself tough."

Example:

"Nagins", "Nigahen", "Sherin", "Sadma" — I worked real hard.

Do you lament that your glamour became more saleable than your art?

No. I am a professional, working since the age of eleven. These things don't affect me. Whatever the industry and the people want, I give them. If they are happy, I am happy.

What if it is a dancing role, as you are doing now?

Then it depends on that person (she pointed to the dance composer and the duplicate showing the movements). They decide what Sri Devi will do and how she will charm the audience (laughs).

But your real self looks so different from what appears before the camera?

Do you mean to say I am ugly looking?

No no. We mean make-up and costume make so much of a difference, add glamour.

These are tricks of the trade. If I just wake up and come before the camera, how can it work? Even if somebody takes your photo, you start combing your hair, giggles!

Has success taught a lot to you? Do you want to sacrifice everything else for that?

Nothing much, really. I am the same. The market value may rise or fall, I don't change. I will go on working till I am successful and my films run fairly well.



Sri Devi relaxed during outdoor shooting.

## VIDEO CORNER

## Flashback to 60s flower power

By Shaun Seekins

THE *vogue for nostalgic* films about the fifties takes a step forward with *Flashback*. It was predictable that the sixties would have their turn, and in Franco Amurri's latest film we get a taste of not a trip back to the halcyon days of flower power and the counter culture.

Dennis Hopper plays a 49-year-old hippie who has been on the run for the last 20 years. Apparently, he committed the crime of unbolting Spiro Agnew's private railroad car from a departing train, when he escaped from custody afterwards he made the FBI look foolish and they have never forgotten. Acting on a tip-off, the FBI have now caught him again and Kiefer Sutherland, a straight arrow G-man, is sent to escort him back to Washington state to stand trial.

Sutherland has plenty of trouble controlling the clever Hopper who manages to get him so drunk that he is able to switch places with him and on arrival, it is

Sutherland who gets thrown into jail. Hopper, meanwhile, has been enjoying himself so much playing the FBI that he is kidnapped by a couple of ex-hippies who offer to exchange him for the supposed "Hopper" who is in jail.

While on the surface *Flashback* is just another mismatched buddies-on-the-road film, Italian director Amurri has managed to bring a fresh approach to this genre in his American debut. David Loughery's script also provides enough surprises and humour to make up for a long trip down memory lane in the middle of the film.

The highlight of the film, however, is Hopper as the many-faceted hippie who has all the good lines.

It is easy to see how *Revenge* got made. On paper it must have sounded great — a steamy love triangle, Mexican locations, and Kevin Costner getting a chance to show a mean side. Unfortunately, it just proves that making a great movie needs more than just putting together some

Dennis Hopper and Kiefer Sutherland in *Flashback*

good ideas.

The picture starts off well, establishing Costner as a guns-ho navy pilot, who has now decided to drop out and spend some time with a Mexican tycoon (admirably played by Anthony Quinn). Apparently Costner saved Quinn's life sometime ago and he is received with open arms. But

Quinn's beautiful wife (Madeline Stowe) is not happy with her marriage (we never find out why, apart from maybe Quinn's reluctance to spoil her body by making her pregnant) and she immediately leaps into a relationship with Costner.

Quinn, somewhat understandably, is misled by this and takes revenge in a dramatic fashion. Costner is left for dead and Stowe is sent to a bordello to suffer the degradation that Quinn thinks her unfaithfulness has merited.

The acting is good by all the stars and despite the implausible situations, Costner's and Quinn's names should be enough to guarantee reasonable success.

*Loverboy* stars Patrick Dempsey as a student who has to take on a job delivering pizzas when his parents cut off his allowance. He soon finds that he is making more by catering to the "romantic" needs of scores of frustrated Beverly Hills housewives.

The *Wizard* is a straight rip-off of the *Raimund* story, not only that, it turns out

to be full length advert for Nintendo games. Most of us will be familiar with the story of the good-looking brother who kidnaps his autistic sibling and takes him on a wild, cross-country journey. But the chemistry that occurred between Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise is absent in this version, the two brothers are played by Fred Savage and Luke Edwards.

Edwards plays the forlorn uncommunicative little brother whose only wish is to visit California, when his brother gets fed up with the endless family fights, he decides to make Jimmy's wish come true and they set off on the journey. They do eventually make it to California and Jimmy turns out to be a "wizard" at video games, winning \$50,000 in a competition. As a children's movie it moves fast enough with plenty of chase scenes, jokes and video game adventures.

Above films by courtesy of the Video Club, Salisbury Tel 5724372. Salford Centre, Salford City, Safeway Complex, Farway and Fintas Towers.

## STARSLIPS

Sri Devi: "When the director narrates the scene, I immediately interpret it. I say 'Why can't we do like this?' and the director says 'okay' or says 'nothing like that'. Or I may do it suddenly — during the 'take' and the director says he likes it."

Akbar Khan: No artist has left our serial *"Tipu Sultan"* out of fear (of fire or jinx). Mukesh Khanna was busy with other serials. And Neena Gupta was doing some shows in Calcutta. I am sure she was not afraid.



Anil Kapoor

Deepthi Navat: "I had decided to divorce Prakash Jha before I met Nana Patekar. So how could he be the reason for it? But I do like Nana: he is my best friend."

Anil Kapoor: "I never told Rajan Sippy that I will work in his *'Maharaja'* only if he has lavish launching and publicity."



Madhuri Dixit

Handwritten signature in Urdu script.







## Bernard breaks record

VALDEZCARAY, Spain, May 9. (AP) Frenchman Jean Francois Bernard shattered a year-old Tour of Spain record yesterday, winning the 15th stage, an uphill individual time trial, by one minute and three seconds.

Bernard took only 52 minutes and 14 seconds to cover the 24.1 kilometres (14.9 miles), eclipsing the mark of 53:22 of defending race champion Pedro Delgado of Spain.

Soviet rider Vladimir Poul-nikov finished second and Philippe Louviot of France was third, 2:41 behind Bernard. Delgado was 4:19 slower than Bernard.

Marco Giovannetti of Italy, who has worn the leader's yellow jersey for five days, added 50 seconds to his overall advantage despite rain and wind that whipped him and the other top-ranked riders, who were there to race up the mountain to Valdezaray.

Giovannetti, who increased his lead to 1:31 over the field, was aided by poor performances of some of the riders favoured to win the 22-leg, 3,698-kilometre (2,292 mile) Vuelta, as the race is called.

Anselmo Fuente moved from third place to second overall and Pedro Ruiz Cabestany of Spain took third, 1:32 back.

**Final**  
American Andy Bishop raced alone for the final 70 miles (110 km) yesterday to win the seventh stage of the Tour De Trump by more than 3-1/2 minutes.

Bishop, hoping to use this 11-day, 1,100-mile (1,700 km) event as an audition for earning another contract with a European powerhouse, took advantage of a strong tailwind to complete the 141 miles (225 km) in 5 hours, 2 minutes, 27 seconds.

Another American, amateur Nate Reiss, outspun a strong field to place third behind Philippe Casado of Morocco. Reiss, who took up cycling only five years ago when he was 21, won Sunday's fifth stage and is the only rider with two top-three finishes in a road race.

Casado thought he was the winner when he crossed the line, holding his hands high. Both Casado and Reiss were timed in 5:06:06.

Vladimir Bborkh retained the pink jersey as the overall leader for a fourth day when he finished in the second pack, 3:39 behind Bishop.

## Johnson drug scandal report due out next month

TORONTO, May 9. (Reuter) The Canadian government's long-awaited report on the Ben Johnson Olympic steroid scandal and drug abuse in sport will likely be made public next month, an official said yesterday.

"We expect to have the report in its

final and printed form in the hands of the government in June," a spokesman for the report's author Justice Charles Dubin told the Canadian press.

The Dubin Report, based on 91 days of public hearing and testimony from 119 witnesses, is expected to prompt sweeping

changes in Canadian amateur sport.

The judicial inquiry was set up shortly after Johnson tested positive for banned anabolic steroids at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal.

The sensational nine-month inquiry

was highlighted by the testimony of Johnson's coach, Charlie Francis, who revealed widespread drug use in Canadian athletics and the disgraced sprinter's own tearful confessions of long-term steroid use.

Johnson's world records have since

been stricken by the International Amateur Athletics Federation, but his two-year ban from competition ends later this year.

The report must still be translated and printed before being presented in parliament.



Douglas poses in front of the new video game. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Douglas set to take on Tyson in video market

CHICAGO, May 9. (Reuter) World heavyweight boxing champion James "Buster" Douglas said yesterday he has signed a multimillion-dollar agreement to lend his name to a home video game, his first commercial deal since taking the title in a stunning upset of Mike Tyson.

The boxing game will be created by Sega of America Inc., a subsidiary of Japan's Sega Enterprises Ltd., and will put Douglas up against Tyson, who has lent his name to video games marketed by Nintendo.

"We're going to knock Nintendo out of the video game market," Douglas said in a statement released by the company. San Francisco-based Sega of America, which markets the Genesis Video System, said the agreement gives the company exclusive worldwide rights to Douglas in arcade games, portable games and computer software in addition to home video systems.

The company has previously signed pro football superstar San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana and golf legend Arnold Palmer to game deals.

The exact dollar amount of the agreement was not revealed.

## Suns stun Lakers

### Pistons crush Knicks

INGLEWOOD, California, May 9. (AP) Phoenix ended a 21-game losing streak at the Forum in timely fashion, holding Los Angeles without a field goal in the final 3-1/2 minutes in the opening game of their National Basketball Association playoff series.

The Suns had not won on the Lakers' court since 1984, and Phoenix coach Cotton Fitzsimmons had never won at the Forum during his NBA career, a span of 37 games going back 16 years.

The Suns, who trailed 84-78 at

the start of the fourth quarter,

caught the Lakers at 96 on Eddie

Johnson's 3-point basket with

4:25 left.

A basket and free throw by

Magie Johnson put the Lakers up

99-96, but a left-handed hook by

Tom Chambers, a jumper by

Kevin Johnson, a jumper by

Eddie Johnson and a free throw

by Kevin Johnson gave the Suns a

103-101 lead with 1:23 to play.

Mark West, who had 24 points,

16 rebounds and seven blocked

shots, made a free throw for a 104-

101 lead with 24 seconds left.

The Lakers got within two on

Magie Johnson's free throw with

four seconds left. He purposely

missed his second free throw, but

Kevin Johnson rebounded for the

Suns and time ran out.

Chambers had 26 points for

Phoenix, while James Worthy and

Magie Johnson led Los Angeles

with 22 each.

**Trail Blazers 122, Spurs 112**

Terry Porter and Clyde Drexler

keyed a 24-8 third-quarter out-

burst as Portland beat San

Antonio for a 2-0 lead in their

Western Conference semifinal

series.

Porter finished with 27 points,

while Drexler had 22 as the

Blazers won their fifth playoff

game in as many tries.

Terry Cummings scored 33 for

San Antonio, and David Robinson

added 31. But 17 of Robin-

son's points came after Portland

built a 20-point lead with 1:41 left

in the third period.

An 11-4 run to end the second

quarter gave Portland a 63-55 hal-

ftime lead, then the Blazers took

control of the game with a devast-

ating third quarter.

**Pistons 112, Knicks 77**

The Detroit Pistons, the defend-

ing National Basketball

Association champions, rolled to

a 112-77 victory over the New

York Knicks in the opener of their

Eastern Conference playoff.

The 77 points last night match-

ed the Pistons' best playoff

defensive effort and also was the

lowest total ever for the Knicks in

the postseason.

The Pistons, bidding to become

only the third franchise in history

to repeat as NBA champions, out-

scored the Knicks 35-15 in the

third quarter.

Isiah Thomas led Detroit with

21 points and James Edwards fin-

ished with 18.

Patrick Ewing scored 19 points

for New York, but pulled down

only four rebounds as the Pistons

outrebounded the Knicks 53-49.

Last year, Detroit won its first

NBA championship by winning

15 of 17 games, sweeping the Los

Angeles Lakers in the champion-

ship finals.

● Miami Heat centre Rony Seikaly

won the National Basketball

Association's most improved

player award for 1990, the NBA

announced yesterday.

Seikaly, who developed into

one of the League's top rebound-

ers and significantly improved

his scoring during his second

professional season, beat out

Indiana Pacers guard Reggie

Miller for the award.

Seikaly received 37 of a possible

92 votes from a panel of sports

writers and broadcasters. Miller

was second with 30 votes, fol-

lowed by Tony Campbell of the

Minnesota Timberwolves who



Knicks' Maurice Cheeks (right) tries to stop Pistons' Isiah Thomas. (Reuter wirephoto)

received 13.

The 6-foot 11-inch (2.10 metre)

Seikaly raised his scoring average

from 10.9 points per game in 1989

to a team-leading 16.6 this season

and averaged 10.4 rebounds per

game, sixth best in the NBA. He

also improved his field goal per

centage from .448 to .502.

"There are so many aspects I

still have to improve on. I'm still

learning," Seikaly said.

"I had a rough Rookie year

because there was no veteran

ahead of me I could learn from, so

I had to learn on my own," added

Seikaly. "I'm patient. I'll get bet-

ter with time."

Miller, in his third season in the

NBA, finished eighth in the

League in scoring with 24.6 points

per game, an improvement of 8.6

points per game, an improvement

of 8.6 points over 1989. His 150

successful three-point baskets

was third highest in the League.

## Smaller helmet suits Mears

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9. (AP) Three-time Indy 500 winner Rick Mears hopes a small step will put him ahead of the competition.

Mears says his new, smaller helmet, also used by some other drivers this year, is "a big help."

"The other helmet had a lot of lift to it. If I didn't wear a couple shoulder straps under my arms, it would try to choke me. Or else I'd have to put the strap down with my chin to keep the (helmet) window low enough to see out of it."

"You have to work in small areas to make small gains. We're at a point now where the cars are very good, so it will be difficult to gain any more," Mears said.

Through yesterday's Indy 500 practice, Mears had a top lap of 224.389 mph (361.042 kph), slightly faster than the one-lap record of 224.254 mph

(360.824) he set in qualifications a year ago when he became the first five-time pole position starter.

On Saturday, the first of the four days of time trials for the May 27 race, Mears will be a favourite to make it six. His team-mate, defending champion Emerson Fittipaldi, had yesterday's fastest lap at 223.286 mph (359.267 kph). Mears was next at 222.546 (358.076 kph).

"The new cars, everything is so clean now, with the aerodynamics," Mears said of the newly designed Penske race car. "The air is getting tighter and closer around the driver... so it's starting to affect the driver's head more. Simpson (one of two companies manufacturing the new helmets) spent a lot of time in the wind tunnel with it, testing with it to come up with a design like that."

### Sulayem aims to complete hat-trick

## Bin Khalifa looks forward to Jordan Rally

SHEIKH Suhail Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum is looking forward to the Jordan International Rally, that should take place between May 17-18. With his confidence and enthusiasm, the UAE rising star should make this his first win outside his home turf.

The 1990 Middle East Rally Championship is made up of six events: Qatar Rally, Jordan Rally, Kuwait Rally, Oman Rally, Lebanon Rally & Dubai Rally.

Suhail Bin Khalifa, Marlboro's driver and member of the Rallyart team showed off his exceptional skills by winning seven out of the thirteen stages before technical problems forced his early withdrawal from the first round in Qatar.

Building on his achievements and after becoming completely familiar with the Marlboro Mitsubishi Galant VR4, Suhail Bin Khalifa will attempt to raise his standing from a local star to a prominent competitor in the international rally scene. Suhail believes that the Jordan Rally will be an important turning point which will allow him to prove that the unique combination of himself, his co-pilot Mubarak Al Hajiri and the powerful Mitsubishi are worthy of serious consideration.

Marlboro's star driver Sheikh Khalifa praises his Mitsubishi Galant. "It has exceptional performance especially on Middle Eastern roads, and it has proven that during the Qatar International Rally."

Last February Marlboro's star the only driver to have won



Sulayem (left) and Bin Khalifa getting ready for Jordan Rally

the Masafi Rally three times in succession, enabling him to keep the cup forever, staged a magnificent victory in the first of the Marlboro Desert Challenge round held in Dubai.

About his achievement in the Masafi Rally, Suhail says that winning the hat-trick was no easy task but well worth the effort.

Despite the fact that he is only twenty three years old Suhail Bin Khalifa, who has been practising this sport for six years only, has taken the lead in this competition on the local scene.

And now, he is even more set on drawing international atten-

tion to himself through this season's competitions, regarded as being his first international season outside the Emirates, in an attempt to realise predictions of experts in the field who see him as a driver of the future for the Arab world.

"All of this," says the Marlboro driver, would not be possible without my co-pilot Mubarak Al Hajiri whom I consider as a real asset due to his previous experience in numerous other important competitions alongside the likes of Michel Saleh and Abbas Mousawi.

Meanwhile Middle East champion Mohammed bin Sulayem is aiming to strengthen his grip on the regional title by completing a hat-trick of Jordan.

Partnered by Irishman Ronan Morgan in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, the UAE star has every reason to approach the second round of this year's Fisa championship with confidence.

Apart from having won in Jordan in 1987 and 1988, he clinched the first of his 17 international triumphs there back in 1984 and has a special liking for the event. "I was very disappointed when the rally was cancelled last year

## Dawson takes Cubs to victory

CHICAGO, May 9. (AP) Andre Dawson, whose solo homer in the ninth tied the game, hit a two-run shot in the 11th inning to win it as the Chicago Cubs ousted the Atlanta Braves 10-8 yesterday.

Mark Grace singled with one out in the 11th off Dwayne Henry (0-1) and Dawson followed with a drive over the centre-field fence as the Cubs rebounded after blowing a 5-0 lead.

Dawson tied the game with a leadoff homer in the bottom of the ninth off Joe Boever after Atlanta's Jeff Treadway had scored the go-ahead run in the top of the inning on Bill Long's wild pitch.

Long (1-0) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings for the victory. Jeff Blauser, who hit two homers on Monday night, added a two-run shot in the fifth for Atlanta.

**Pirates 10, Padres 2**  
Mike Laverie and Andy Van Slyke homered and Walt Terrell earned his first victory for Pittsburgh as the Pirates won for the 10th time in 12 games.

The Pirates, who lost nine of 12 to San Diego last season, are 5-0 against the Padres this year.

Terrell (1-1) allowed two runs in the first, then benefited from four double plays over the next five innings in improving to 3-0 lifetime against San Diego. The Padres traded him to the New York Yankees last July and he later signed with Pittsburgh as a free agent.

Terrell allowed eight hits, struck out two and walked two over seven innings. Bob Patterson finished up with two scoreless innings.

Laverie and Van Slyke each had three hits and three RBIs. Wally Backman had three hits and two RBIs for the Pirates.

**Mets 4, Giants 1**  
Kevin McReynolds' dramatic bases-loaded walk from Rick Reuschel with two outs in the seventh inning to snap a tie as the New York Mets won their fourth straight.

Reuschel (2-3) started on three days' rest as scheduled starter Mike Lacoss was scratched with a recurring knee injury. He went to a 3-0 count on McReynolds, got a strike, and then threw a pitch inside to force in the go-ahead run.

The Mets added two runs in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Gregg Jefferies and an RBI single by Dave Magadan.

Reuschel, who fell to 14-25 lifetime against the Mets, allowed four hits in 6 2-3 innings and walked seven.

Sid Fernandez (2-3) pitched seven innings and allowed four hits for the victory. John Franco worked two innings for his seventh save in seven opportunities.

Results	
American League	
Oakland	5 N.Y. Yankees 0
Chicago W.S.	4 Toronto 1
Minnesota	6 Cleveland 1
Milwaukee	7 Detroit 0
Texas	10 Kansas City 0
California	6 Baltimore 0
Seattle	2 Boston 0
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Chicago Cubs	10 Atlanta 0
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# Australia and England reach hockey World Cup semifinals

**SYDNEY, May 9.** (Reuters) Olympic champions Australia and fourth seeds England drew 0-0 today to scramble into the semifinals of the women's hockey World Cup and squeeze West Germany out of the last four.

West Germany's 3-1 defeat of Argentina earlier in the day gave the 1981 cham-

pions a great chance of qualifying for the last four.

But they were thwarted by the scoreless draw in a tense pool game after Australia had missed a first half penalty stroke.

"I think we played extremely well but we are very disappointed that we did not capitalise on the chances we made," Aus-

tralian coach Brian Glenister said.

"I now believe we are in with a shout of the medals," England coach Sue Slocombe said. "We wanted to win the game if possible and the girls were very aggressive and determined."

England play defending champions the Netherlands, top side in Pool B, in

Friday's semifinals. Neither side was conceded a goal in their five preliminary games.

Australia will stage a replay of the Seoul Olympic final against second seeds South Korea, the highest scorers in the tournament with 17 goals.

The Dutch women continued their

impressive form by disposing of Canada 3-0 in the final Pool B Game. Lisanne Lejeune scored both goals to become the tournament's highest scorer with six.

The Dutch, who had already qualified, did not overexert themselves but their second goal was memorable. Lejeune noticed Canadian goalkeeper Deb Whit-

ten off the line and lobbed the ball over her into the net.

England, with more to lose than Australia, were content to defend, relying on close marking to keep the home side out.

England, determination was personified by left half Kathryn Edwards, who played against doctor's orders after hav-

ing nine stitches inserted over her left eye following a clash in the previous game against West Germany.

Australia wasted five penalty corners and at least eight good chances in all, the worst offender being forward Sally Carbone, who shot wide from the penalty spot in the 30th minute.

## Auriol wins in Corsica

**AJACCIO, Corsica, May 9.** (Reuters) French driver Didier Auriol had his Lancia team to thank for carrying out super-swift mechanical repairs, enabling him to win the Tour of Corsica Rally for the third year in a row today.

Auriol, now firmly in the driving seat for this year's world championship title, dominated the four-day event on the Mediterranean island but found himself starting defeat in the face with four special timed sections to go.

A broken differential on his Lancia Delta Integrale, his first real mechanical problem of the event, reduced his chances to slim despite a lead of one minute 22 seconds over the Toyota of Spain's Carlos Sainz.

"It was a big blow," he said. "I thought right away that I just had to get to the end of the section for repairs and I attacked without worrying too much about it."

Luckily for him, the mishap occurred not long before a liaison section where he was able to get help. Lancia mechanics then changed the differential in just 21 minutes, a job which would normally take 45 minutes.

Their speed allowed Auriol to reach the next checkpoint with a time penalty of only 59 seconds, leaving him with a 24-second advantage over the Spaniard going into the final kilometres.

"To pull back 24 seconds on the last 65 km is impossible if Didier's Lancia is working all right," Sainz said. "There was not enough time and it would have been impossible to take unnecessary risks."

**Results:**

- Didier Auriol (France) Lancia Delta six hours 45 minutes 16 seconds.
- Carlos Sainz (Spain) Toyota Celica 36 seconds behind.
- Francois Chatriot (France) BMW M3 3:49.
- Bruno Saby (France) Lancia Delta 5:56.
- Raimund Baumschlager (Austria) VW Golf 36:10.
- Laurent Poggi (France) Citroen 38:14.

**Wrestler killed**

**MOSCOW, May 9.** (AP) World champion Soviet wrestler Aslan Khadarov was killed in a car crash, Shu reported yesterday.

Khadarov was a world champion in 1983, 1986 and 1987, as well as a three-time European and four-time national light-heavyweight and heavyweight champion. The news agency said his brother, Makharbek, was a gold-medal winner in the Soviet Olympics.

The 28-year-old died in a traffic accident on route to an airport in Ordzhonikidze in the Caucasus mountains.

## Swiss hold Argentina

### Lazaroni wants secrecy for team



Diego Maradona

**BERNE, May 9.** (Reuters) A last minute goal by Servette Geneva striker Kubilay Turkylmaz denied World Cup holders Argentina a morale boosting victory in their friendly against Switzerland yesterday.

Turkylmaz's volley from just outside the penalty box tied the score at 1-1.

A touch of magic from Diego Maradona had led to Argentina taking the lead against the run of play in the 53rd minute.

He beat three defenders in a surging run before passing to Abel Balbu, and the Uruguayan midfielder beat goalkeeper Philipp Walker with a blistering 20-metre shot.

Turkylmaz's goal was no more than the young, largely inexperienced Swiss side deserved for the dominated long periods of the game.

Argentina, with only one more friendly to play before they begin the defence of their world crown in Italy, again failed to sparkle despite having Maradona at the helm. They have won only five of their last 30 internationals.

Maradona worked tirelessly for his side and almost set up a

second Argentine goal in the 65th minute. His pinpoint cross was headed against the bar by second half substitute Gustavo Dezotti.

In the first half Maradona was forced to drop back to help out his hard-pressed defence.

Switzerland's best chance of the half fell to Blaise Piiffaretti. With the Argentine defence in disarray, he fired a low drive straight at goalkeeper Nery Pumpido.

Brazil's World Cup coach has banned foreign television crews from practice, restricted reporters' access to players and is demanding tighter security to conceal his team's preparation from opponents.

"We need more privacy," coach Sebastiao Lazaroni said. "If we keep showing everything we're doing, our tactical plan will become vulnerable."

Lazaroni invoked the restrictions at the team's training camp in Teresopolis, a mountain resort city near Rio, on Monday, the start of the final week of preparation before leaving Brazil.

The coach also announced Brazil would not field its regular starting team for an exhibition

game Sunday against East Germany in Rio. The match is the last before the team leaves May 16 to begin its final preparations in Spain and Italy.

Brazil plays the first round of the Cup in Turin for Group C against Sweden, Scotland and Costa Rica.

"The team that will face Sweden on June 10 will be defined only the week before," Lazaroni said.

**Showing**

Sports writers say the increased secrecy was a result of widespread criticism for Brazil's poor showing in a 2-1 exhibition victory against Bulgaria last Saturday in Campinas.

"The game was a lesson," Lazaroni said. "In the Cup, we can't make so many errors, principally in conclusions. There we'll have to be mortal, because we'll never get so many chances to score."

Dunga and Mozer arrived Monday from Europe where they were playing with their club teams, and for the first time the team was to train with 21 of the 22 players listed on its roster.



Waddington (right) with Football League president Bill Fox outside the parliament. (Reuters wirephoto)

## English League officials rapped

**LONDON, May 9.** (Reuters) British Home Secretary David Waddington has won public acknowledgement from Football League chiefs that they made a mistake by ignoring police warnings of trouble at a weekend soccer match.

Waddington, known for his tough stance on law and order, called in League executives to demand an urgent explanation of what he called "violent hooliganism" in the southern resort of Bournemouth.

Earlier in Parliament, he said 104 people were arrested and 12 police officers seriously injured in clashes coinciding with a match between the local team and Leeds on Saturday.

Waddington noted that police officers asked last June for the date of the match to be changed and warned twice last month there was going to be trouble.

"A very serious mistake was made by the Football League," he said.

The trouble has been seen as a big setback to the hopes of an early return to European competition for English soccer clubs, barred since the 1985 Heysel stadium riot in Brussels when violence by English fans led to the deaths of 39 supporters, mainly Italians.

Dorset police chief Brian Weight said Leeds fans, many clad in T-shirts with the slogan "Invasion of Bournemouth 1990," "came to start a war." He added: "I am furious with the arrogant way we were treated. We knew what would happen."

Weight said he would urge the Home Office to give police the right to veto soccer games.

## Chesnokov misses German Open

## Navratilova rallies for win

**ROME, May 9.** (UPI) Top-seeded Martina Navratilova, getting fit on clay before switching to grass for an assault on Wimbledon, firmed briefly with disaster before finally winning a second-round match against Australian outsider at the \$500,000 Italian Open championships today.

The 33-year-old American, veteran target in a tournament populated with teen-age spoilers, managed a third-set fightback to oust 18-year-old Australian Rachel McQuillan 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

McQuillan, a losing finalist in Brisbane against Soviet Natalia Zvereva this year, came close to her second upset of Navratilova in as many weeks.

Last week in Hamburg, the Aussie won a set before fading against the eight-time Wimbledon champion.

Third-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, the French Open champion, an easier outing against another Australian. She ousted Kristin Godridge with a quick 6-1, 6-1 formalty to gain the third round against Canadian Helen Koles.

Navratilova, who will skip the French this month to concentrate on grass for Wimbledon, said the effort on clay was worth it.

"I needed the match practice," she said after the 1 hour 44-minute victory under a sweltering sun. "Clay is my worst surface."

"If I can do well on it, figure out what shots to hit, then it will help me when I switch over to grass."

The quest for a record ninth Wimbledon crown has become a career obsession for the left-hander, who still believes: "I can win another Grand Slam."

In other second-round contests, 14th seed Sandra Cocchini of Italy defeated Karin Kschwendt of Luxembourg

6-1, 1-6, 6-3 and Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist, the No. 13 ousted Argentina's Patricia Tarabini 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 8 Judith Wiesner of Austria and No. 15 Leila Meskhi of the Soviet Union were both eliminated.

Wiesner lost to Brazil's Andrea Vicira 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 while Mercedes Paz of Argentina stopped Meskhi 6-4, 7-5.

Italian Cathy Caversazio, seeded 16th, scored 7-5, 6-2, victory over Julie Halard of France.

Sanchez-Vicario, now working with Navratilova's former coach Mike Estep, pronounced herself fit to defend her title at Roland Garros beginning May 28.

"I'm playing at 100 percent right now," the daughter in Spain's first family of the game said. "I'll be trying to win again in Paris."

Sanchez, fresh from her first defeat of Navratilova last week, said she learned a lot about her older rival's game.

"She is the only player who can serve and volley like a man," the petit Spaniard said.

Andre Chesnokov of the Soviet Union faces a possible fine after failing to show up for his match today at the German Open men's tennis tournament.

Chesnokov, the No. 8 seed, was slated to face West German wild card Udo Riglewski in the second round of the \$1 million tournament. Officials replaced Chesnokov with Sweden's Lars Jansson when the Soviet failed to appear within the 15-minute deadline.

In other second-round action today, fourth-seeded Emilio Sanchez of Spain defeated Fabrice Santoro of France 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Unseeded Jimmy Arius of the United States beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, and Henri Leconte of France downed Jordi Arrese of Spain 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

## Local bridge

**RESULTS of the Barclay Cigarette Bridge Tournament (13th week) held at the Regency on Sunday:**

**N/S**

- Dona Materny & Adal Bayoumi
- Ramez & Michel Samaha
- Abdullah Duaj & K.T. Simon

**E/W**

- Ibrahim Qattan & Salman Ali
- Izzeldin & Ahmed Hnadi
- Lolo Murthwaite & Nabil Akel

Barclays Cigarette will be holding their first and of the season tourney on Friday, May 18, at 3:00 pm at the Regency premises.

**Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game played on Monday:**

- Khalat Khouri & Rima Ayyad
- Izzeldin & Ahmed Hnadi
- Jamil Akel & Lolo Murthwaite

Messiah Ladies Bridge Club will be holding their end of year tournament on Monday, May 21, at 9:00 am at the Messiah premises.

**Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday:**

- Nabil Akel & Lolo Murthwaite
- Jamil Akel & Helen Hughes
- Murshada Azem & Rawaa Mulla

Regency Ladies Bridge Club will be holding their end of the year tourney on Wednesday, May 23, at 9:00 am at the Regency premises.

## Super Royal triumph

**SUPER Royal** scored a six-wicket victory over Royal Cricket Club earlier this week.

Batting first, Royal could only manage 144 runs in 25 overs. Ali was the top scorer with 64 while Tariq hit 28.

In reply Super Royal went past the target for the loss of only four wickets. They completed the required runs in 20 overs. Feroze was the architect of Super Royal's victory with 59 runs. He was named Man of the Match.

Amir scored 25, while Nadeem hit 17 and Shahid 15. Irfan and Ali took two wickets each.



Feroze: 59 runs

## Borg wins libel suit

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 9.** (AP) A nine-member jury yesterday found a magazine guilty of defamation for publishing allegations that ex-tennis star Bjorn Borg used drugs.

The jury's non-binding declaration came hours after Borg abruptly stormed out of a courtroom in the middle of libel proceedings, saying "the truth is not coming out."

The three judges will deliver the formal verdict on Monday.

Borg was suing the weekly

magazine "Z" for \$58,000 for printing allegations by his former girlfriend Janette Bjorling that he abused drugs.

The five-time Wimbledon champion left the courthouse in a fury after the presiding judge denied his attorney's request to call an unlimited witness.

"This is enough for me. I'm leaving," Borg said. He refused to pursue the case and called out, "I do not care what you write."

## Stanley Cup

**NEW YORK, May 9.** (Reuters) Result of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup semifinal playoff game yesterday.

Campbell conference finals Edmonton Oilers 4, Chicago Blackhawks 2 (Best-of-Seven series tied at 2-2)

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## Gillespie set to play in friendly

GLASGOW, May 9, (UPI): Gary Gillespie, Liverpool's injury-dodged defender, received a World Cup boost yesterday when he was named in Scotland's 16-strong squad for the May 16 friendly soccer international against Egypt at Aberdeen.

Gillespie has been given the chance to prove his fitness before national coach Andy Roxburgh names his 22 for the finals in Italy.

Roxburgh's assistant, Craig Brown, watched Gillespie at Coventry Saturday.

Liverpool team-mate Steve Nicol is not included because of injury, but is expected to come back into the reckoning as soon as he is fit.

Roxburgh said: "I have named a very tight squad. The 16 are all contenders as I don't have the time for any experiment."

Scotland plays Poland a week on Saturday at Hampden Park and Roxburgh is likely to bring in a couple more players.

Dave Cooper, Matherwell's 33-year-old winger, is in the squad along with Dundee United full back Maurice Malpas.

The squad for the match against Egypt is:

Bryan Gunn, Andy Gorm, Richard Gough, Stewart McKimmie, Alec McLeish, Craig Levein, Gary Gillespie, Maurice Malpas, Paul McStay, Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall, Jim Bett, Alan McCoist, Maurice Johnston, Gordon Durie, David Cooper.

## Middlesex scrape thrilling win

# Haynes hits another ton

LONDON, May 9, (Reuters): West Indies opener Desmond Haynes struck another superb century as Middlesex squeezed to victory in their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Sussex yesterday after both sides finished on the same score.

Haynes, hitherto for most of his innings after twisting his knee, was dismissed for 131 as Middlesex chased the Sussex total of 282 for six.

Needing eight off the final over, Middlesex levelled the scores when John Embury scrambled two off the last ball, diving full length to beat Paul Parker's throw from deep mid-off.

With the scores tied, Middlesex won on a faster scoring rate over the first 30 overs. At that stage they were 125 for two compared to Sussex' 99 for three.

Haynes, who needed a runner after hurting his knee when he had scored 47, hit 13 fours from the 155 balls he faced. It was his fifth century in his last nine innings, three of them for Middlesex and two against England in the recent Test series in the Caribbean.

England captain Graham Gooch steered Essex into the quarter-finals of the nine-day competition with an unbeaten 94 to give them a comfortable eight-wicket win over Northamptonshire.

Northants were always struggling for runs after being put in and were dismissed for 167 with nine balls of their 55 overs remaining.

Gooch and Brian Hardie put on 82 in 19 overs in reply. Hardie was eventually dismissed for 27 and Paul Prichard for 26, but Essex

passed the Norbants total with more than 16 overs to spare.

Glamorgan paceman Mark Frost, who had not played in a major nine-day game before this season, destroyed favourites Worcestershire.

Frost, sacked by Surrey last year, bowled star batsman Graeme Hick for nought as he picked up four for 25 from 11 overs. Worcester managed only 239 for nine in reply to Glamorgan's 255 for seven.

### Results

At Canterbury: Kent beat Warwickshire by 70 runs. Kent 265 for eight (N. Taylor 90, M. Benson 85, C. Cowdrey 64, G. Small 44 for 38). Warwickshire 195 in 44.4 overs (A. Lloyd 72, C. Cowdrey three for 29). Kent two points.

At Northampton: Essex beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets. Northamptonshire 167 in 53.3 overs (N. Foster three for 18, J. Stephenson three for 22). Essex 168 for two in 38.3 overs (G. Gooch 94 not out). Essex two points.

At Taunton: Somerset beat Minor Counties by six wickets. Minor Counties 240 for six (S. Plumb 63, D. Thomas 49 not out, A. Fothergill 45 not out). Somerset 241 for four in 51.4 overs (A. Hayhurst 76, R. Harden 53). Somerset two points.

At Worcester: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 16 runs. Glamorgan 255 for seven (D. Haynes 131, M. Gatting 54, M. Ramprakash 44). Middlesex two points.

Lampitt 41, N. Radford 40; M. Frost four for 25, S. Barwick four for 76). Glamorgan two points.

At Hove: Middlesex beat Sussex on a faster scoring rate over 30 overs (Sussex score at 30 overs was 99 for three, Middlesex 125 for two.) Sussex 282 for six (P. Moors 76, A. Wells 74, C. Wells 59, M. Speight 43). Middlesex 282 for six (D. Haynes 131, M. Gatting 54, M. Ramprakash 44). Middlesex two points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 142 for two after 27 overs (N. Fairbrother 82 not out, M. Atherton 43 not out) v Hampshire play resumed today.

At Glasgow: Scotland 115 for four after 37 overs (R. Swan 42 not out) v Nottinghamshire — play resumed today.

At Headingley: Yorkshire 197 for eight (R. Blakey

65, P. Robinson 57) v Combined Universities — play resumed today.

### Standings

Benson and Hedges Cup cricket group tables after yesterday results (tablets under played, won, lost, no result, points, run rate):

Group A	W	L	NR	P	RR
Glamorgan	3	3	0	6	67.67
Worcestershire	3	2	1	6	71.26
Kent	3	1	1	5	67.42
Gloucestershire	3	0	2	0	70.30
Warwickshire	3	0	2	0	58.78

Group B	W	L	NR	P	RR
Somerset	3	3	0	6	86.09
Sussex	3	2	1	6	83.78
Middlesex	2	2	0	4	75.51
Derbyshire	2	0	2	0	83.63
Minor counties	3	0	3	0	70.90

Group C	W	L	NR	P	RR
Essex	3	3	0	6	82.36
Nottinghamshire	2	1	1	0	67.04
Northants	2	1	1	0	59.54
Scotland	1	0	1	0	68.48
Leicestershire	2	0	2	0	58.33

Note: Not including Scotland v Nottinghamshire match which resumes today.



Haynes: takes Middlesex past Sussex

## 'W. Germany can win Cup'

FRANKFURT, West Germany, May 9, (AP): Manager Franz Beckenbauer, saying he has a better team now than in 1986, predicted yesterday's that West Germany could win next month's World Cup in Italy.

"We did not have a high-class team in 1986. This time we can win the World Cup but the team has to be the same determination that it did in Mexico," Beckenbauer said in a newspaper interview.

Beckenbauer's team finished second behind Argentina in Mexico four years ago, losing 3-2 in the final. "We have better players this time. But it won't help if we don't have the same determination," Beckenbauer told the Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper.

Up to seven 1986 world cup veterans could be in Beckenbauer's final roster.

West Germany, seeking its third World Cup title, will play against Yugoslavia, Columbia and the United Arab Emirates in the first round.

Beckenbauer, who is leaving the post manager after the world cup, indicated that he might take strikers in Italy.

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## Kissinger joins Cup committee

NEW YORK, May 9, (Reuters): Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, former secretary of the treasury William Simon and Time Warner chief executive officer Steven Ross have joined the board of directors of World Cup '94 organising committee, a committee official announced yesterday.

"We are delighted that these three world renowned leaders from government and business have accepted positions on our board," said Werner Fricker, chairman of World Cup '94 organising committee, the group responsible for setting up the 1994 World Cup soccer finals in the United States.

Kissinger was chairman and Ross a member of the advisory board of the committee which successfully bid to host the World Cup in the United States for the first time. Simon gained valuable experience in major sporting events as president of the US Olympic Committee from 1980-1984.

## Smith resigns

LONDON, May 9, (Reuters): Sir John Smith, chairman of Liverpool soccer club for 17 years, resigned yesterday.

He said he was relinquishing the post for "personal reasons" and because he considered it was time to make way for a new face. Director Noel White will take over from him.

During Smith's 17 years as chairman, Liverpool won 22 major trophies, including 10 League titles, four European Cups, one Uefa Cup and three FA Cups.

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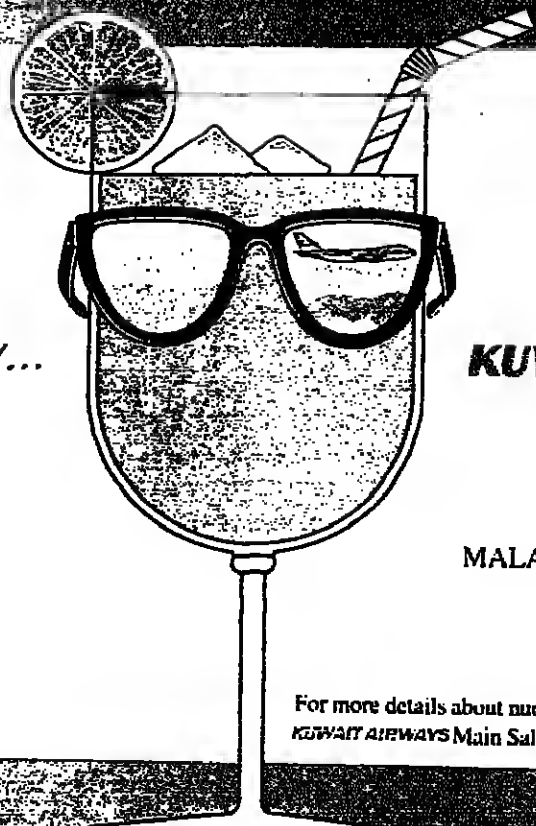
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